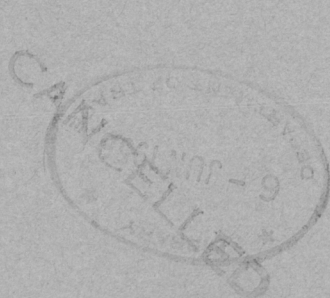


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Period	Employment : Wage and Salary Earners (excluding rural workers, females in private domestic service, and defence forces) *			Wages and Salaries Paid (Weekly Average) *	New Houses and Flats : Private and Government	
	Males	Females	Persons		Approved	Completed
	Number at end of period—thousands			£ thousand	Number of Dwelling Units	
Year :						
1938-39	529.9	168.0	697.9	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1948-49	721.4†	269.9†	991.3†	8,133	33,117	18,758
1949-50	740.8	278.5	1,019.3	9,018	35,029	19,841
1950-51	758.2	291.0	1,049.2	11,385	37,988	20,737
1951-52	754.4	270.5	1,024.9	14,364	24,419	24,576
1952-53	734.3	266.2	1,000.5	15,090	23,156	26,554
1953-54	758.1	279.5	1,037.6	16,043	30,655	27,524
1954-55	779.2	292.5	1,071.7	17,357	29,883	29,583
1955:						
Jan.	767.6	287.8	1,055.4	16,511	1,696	6,609
Feb.	772.7	291.5	1,064.2		2,020	
Mar.	775.9	292.4	1,068.3	18,235	2,225	7,611
Apr.	776.0	292.1	1,068.1		2,278	
May	777.3	293.1	1,070.4		2,634	
June	779.2	292.5	1,071.7		3,211	
July	776.9	293.0	1,069.9	18,454	2,198	7,187
Aug.	780.1	294.5	1,074.6		2,244	
Sept.	779.8	295.9	1,075.7		2,524	
Oct.	779.4	297.7	1,077.1		2,303	
Nov.	784.1	301.5	1,085.6	19,683	2,292	6,688
Dec.	786.1	303.4	1,089.5		1,880	
1956 :						
Jan.	777.7r	298.5	1,075.8r	n. y. a	1,779r	n. y. a.
Feb.	786.7	300.9	1,087.6		1,847	
Mar.	n. y. a.	n. y. a.	n. y. a.		n. y. a.	

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Period	Wool Sold at Auction *	Overseas Trade (Merchandise only)		Major Private Trading Banks		Savings Bank Deposits
		Imports	Exports	Deposits	Advances	
	£ thousand	£A million, f.o.b.		At end of period—£ million		
Year :						
1938-39	15,521	49.9	37.7	117.1	120.5	87.5
1948-49	67,331	177.2	176.6	301.3	150.4	244.5
1949-50	107,714	214.0	216.6	394.0	166.2	258.9
1950-51	228,204	301.7	325.6	467.9	197.9	284.5
1951-52	105,261	424.8	193.9	413.6	276.0	304.5
1952-53	151,348	206.9	249.5	448.6	243.7	319.1
1953-54	144,795	277.9	249.3	483.1	281.6	339.8
1954-55	122,999	343.5	207.6	475.6	342.5	358.6
1955:						
Jan.	15,588	32.3	15.4	490.2	310.3	350.2
Feb.	12,588	28.4	19.5	494.9	342.7	350.7
Mar.	10,450	32.2	20.9	494.2	315.6	350.9
Apr.	4,136	31.4	13.8	486.6	326.7	352.5
May	13,082	35.2	18.3	482.6	334.8	351.4
June	11,789	29.7	19.6	475.6	342.5	358.6
July	201	22.5	17.2	467.6	348.7	360.4
Aug.	3,317	29.4	13.4	462.4	342.7	358.9
Sept.	13,299	28.7	13.9	455.3	343.8	359.5
Oct.	12,132	29.4	17.9	460.4	348.3	362.2
Nov.	17,065	31.5	22.8	468.5	347.1	361.8
Dec.	7,113	24.3	21.7	475.4	341.3	364.1
1956:						
Jan.	13,795	26.9	15.9	477.5	324.3	367.3
Feb.	5,492	24.7	6.4	473.4	316.6	371.2
Mar.	14,921	30.4	23.3	473.6	315.9	374.4

\* See notes to relevant table.

† May, 1949; June affected by an industrial dispute in coal mines and power restrictions.

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to detailed tables herein

14.		18.	23.	23.	23.	Table No.
N.S.W. Government Railways		New Cars, Taxis, Buses and Lorries, etc. Registered	Coal Production	Electricity Generated	Ingot Steel Production	Period
Passenger Journeys	Goods (ex- cluding live- stock) Carried					
Millions	Thousand tons	Number	Thousand tons	Mill. kWh.	Thousand tons	1938-39: Year
186.7	14,679	28,335	9,987	1,948	1,168**	1938-39: Year
263.1	16,903	37,665	11,736	3,717	1,129	1948-49
258.2	15,890	61,656	11,290	3,758	1,266	1949-50
268.6	17,131	76,172	12,683	4,241	1,405	1950-51
268.2	18,528	67,448	14,800	4,628	1,473	1951-52
271.7	17,877	50,057	14,289	4,868	1,846	1952-53
278.9	19,351	64,993	15,012	5,450	2,086	1953-54
281.4	18,667	81,118	14,660	5,997	2,163	1954-55
22.9	1,143	4,003	617	456	170	Jan.: 1955
23.7	1,413	6,490	1,212	455	152	Feb.
23.1	1,518	7,770	1,253	514	178	Mar.
23.4	1,412	6,825	1,125	483	154	Apr.
25.1	1,602	8,210	1,319	546	186	May
23.6	1,597	7,475	1,309	559	175	June
23.0	1,626	7,601	1,364	583	194	July
24.3	1,728	7,970	1,452	569	194	Aug.
22.7	1,619	8,033	1,386r	533	185	Sept.
24.6	1,521	7,335	1,291r	531	190	Oct.
22.6	1,583	7,513	1,329r	528	188	Nov*
22.3	1,542	7,035	1,076r	505	189	Dec.
23.8	1,154	4,950	635p	494	193	Jan.: 1956
22.6	1,372	6,269	1,104p	511	189	Feb.
23.2	1,407	7,207	1,108p	n. y. a.	198	Mar.

42.	46.	47.	52.	54.	55.	Table No.
Trading Banks : Debits to Customers' Accounts.*	Sydney Stock Exchange  Share Values	Real Estate Transfers and Conveyances	Wholesale Prices (Aust.) Index *	Retail Prices : Total " C " Series Index (Sydney)*	Basic Wage, Sydney  Adult Males *	Period
Weekly Average —£ million.	Index *	£ thousand	Average 1936-37 to 1938-39 = 100	Wtd. Av. for 6 Capitals in 1923-27 = 1000	s. per week	1938-39 : Year
n.a.	175.6	35,272	101	928	81††	1938-39: Year
83	258.2	62,229	181	1378	124††	1949-49
105	270.0	125,952	205	1504	135††	1949-50
145	334.1	192,311	246	1729	173††	1950-51
157	301.0	179,581	300	2140	216††	1951-52
152	253.1	143,909	320	2327	238††	1952-53
172	267.0	188,032	321	2384	243	1953-54
188	294.4	218,799	320	2398	243	1954-55
174	292.4	15,323	316	2405	243	Jan.: 1955
188	296.9	16,739	322		243	Feb.
186	299.0	18,782	326		243	Mar.
186	299.7	15,580	324	2423	243	Apr.
203	304.6	18,957	326		243	May
206	314.5	19,047	330		243	June
202	325.6	21,974	334p	2455	243	July
187	324.0	22,956	333p		243	Aug.
194	317.3	16,757	334p		243	Sept.
203	317.4	24,045	332p	2471	243	Oct.
216	312.8	19,357	336p		253‡	Nov.
214	313.9	17,017	334p		253‡	Dec.
184	316.1	17,480	334p	2,490	253‡	Jan.: 1956
187	314.2	19,160	329p		255‡	Feb.
200	307.9	19,000	n. y. a.		255‡	Mar.

|| Estimated.

\*\* Year ended 31st May.

†† Operative from February.

‡ State Awards (N.S.W.) only. See note †, Table 55.

## 2. Wage and Salary Earners : Employment by Principal Industrial Groups in N.S.W.

(See notes above Table 3.)

Month	Mining and Quarrying	Factories †	Building and Construction	Transport and Communication	Finance and Property	Wholesale Trade, etc.	Retail Trade	Professional and Personal Services ‡	Total Wage and Salary Earners in Civil Employment*
Thousands									
MALES									
1939: July	24.7	158.8	57.9	77.4	.....	59.0	.....	44.0	529.9
1946: June	25.8	236.3	44.1	96.8	16.5	33.4	40.6	56.1	618.5
1952: June	31.6	274.7	76.1	115.2	22.0	47.3	49.0	67.2	754.4
1953: June	30.1	272.2	63.3	113.5	22.2	46.2	48.8	67.1	734.3
1954: June	30.9	283.8	69.3	114.0	22.5	48.3	50.6	67.6	758.1
1955: June	30.3	291.7	72.9	117.2	23.1	50.7	50.9	70.2	779.2
1954: Aug.	30.0	284.6	69.7	114.4	22.4	48.6	50.5	67.3	758.8
Sept.	29.8	285.4	70.2	114.3	22.5	49.0	50.5	67.6	760.5
Oct.	29.7	286.1	69.9	114.8	22.3	49.6	50.6	67.9	761.9
Nov.	29.8	287.8	69.7	115.4	22.4	50.2	52.7	68.2	767.5
Dec.	29.8	287.7	69.0	116.0	22.7	50.2	54.4	69.1	770.0
1955: Jan.	29.8	289.0	68.8	115.8	22.8	50.5	51.0	68.7	767.8
Feb.	29.9	290.2	70.4	116.3	22.9	50.6	50.8	70.0	772.7
1955: Aug.	30.3	292.5	72.6	117.7	23.0	50.6	50.8	70.4	780.1
Sept.	30.2	292.2	72.8	117.4	23.0	50.9	50.6	70.4	779.8
Oct.	30.0	292.7	72.7	116.8	22.9	51.0	50.7	70.4	779.4
Nov.	29.9	294.4	72.8	117.3	22.9	51.5	52.3	70.9	784.1
Dec.	29.6	294.3	71.5	117.4	23.3	51.8	54.6	71.4	786.1
1956: Jan.	29.5	294.5	72.9	110.1	23.4	51.8	51.3	71.4	777.3
Feb.	29.1	295.7	74.9	116.7	23.8	51.5	50.7	72.2	786.7
FEMALES									
1939: July	0.1	59.3	0.5	4.2	.....	8.5	.....	36.0	168.0
1946: June	0.2	82.3	0.9	13.0	10.1	10.9	39.1	73.3	242.3
1952: June	0.4	84.2	1.7	15.7	14.6	15.7	42.8	83.6	270.5
1953: June	0.3	86.0	1.8	14.0	14.2	15.1	41.0	82.2	266.2
1954: June	0.3	92.9	2.0	14.3	15.1	16.2	43.1	84.1	279.5
1955: June	0.3	96.5	2.1	15.1	16.8	17.4	44.8	87.3	292.5
1954: Aug.	0.3	93.9	2.0	14.3	15.4	16.5	42.9	84.2	281.4
Sept.	0.4	95.0	2.0	14.4	15.4	16.9	43.5	84.4	283.7
Oct.	0.3	96.0	2.0	14.7	15.4	17.0	44.2	84.8	286.1
Nov.	0.3	96.8	2.0	14.8	15.7	17.2	47.3	85.1	290.9
Dec.	0.3	96.1	2.0	14.6	16.0	16.9	50.0	85.3	293.0
1955: Jan.	0.3	94.8	2.1	14.7	16.2	17.0	45.4	85.5	287.8
Feb.	0.4	96.6	2.0	14.9	16.4	17.2	45.0	87.0	291.5
1955: Aug.	0.3	97.2	2.1	15.2	16.9	17.7	45.1	87.9	294.5
Sept.	0.3	98.0	2.1	15.2	16.9	17.6	45.5	88.2	295.9
Oct.	0.3	99.0	2.1	15.3	17.0	17.7	45.8	88.6	297.7
Nov.	0.3	98.9	2.1	15.7	17.0	18.0	48.3	89.2	301.5
Dec.	0.3	98.0	2.1	15.3	17.3	18.0	51.4	89.0	303.4
1956: Jan.	0.3	96.6	2.2	15.5	17.9	17.8	46.7	89.4	298.5
Feb.	0.3	98.5	2.2	15.7	18.3	17.8	45.9	90.0	300.9
PERSONS									
1939: July	24.8	218.1	58.4	81.6	.....	67.5	.....	80.0	697.9
1946: June	26.0	318.6	45.0	109.8	26.6	44.3	79.7	129.4	860.8
1952: June	32.0	358.9	77.8	130.9	36.6	63.0	91.8	150.8	1,024.9
1953: June	30.4	358.2	65.1	127.5	36.4	61.3	89.8	149.3	1,000.5
1954: June	31.2	376.7	71.3	128.3	37.6	64.5	93.7	151.7	1,037.6
1955: June	30.6	388.2	75.0	132.3	39.9	68.1	95.7	157.5	1,071.7
1954: Aug.	30.3	378.5	71.7	128.7	37.8	65.1	93.4	151.5	1,040.2
Sept.	30.2	380.4	72.2	128.7	37.9	65.9	94.0	152.0	1,044.2
Oct.	30.0	382.1	71.9	129.5	37.7	66.6	94.8	152.7	1,048.0
Nov.	30.1	384.6	71.7	130.2	38.1	67.4	100.0	153.3	1,058.4
Dec.	30.1	383.8	71.0	130.6	38.7	67.1	104.4	154.4	1,063.0
1955: Jan.	30.1	383.8	70.9	130.5	39.0	67.5	96.4	154.2	1,058.6
Feb.	30.3	386.8	72.4	131.2	39.3	67.8	95.9	157.0	1,064.2
1955: Aug.	30.6	389.7	74.7	132.9	39.9	68.3	95.9	158.3	1,074.6
Sept.	30.5	390.2	74.9	132.6	39.9	68.5	96.1	158.6	1,075.7
Oct.	30.3	391.7	74.8	132.1	39.9	68.7	96.5	159.0	1,077.1
Nov.	30.2	393.3	74.9	133.0	39.9	69.5	100.6	160.1	1,085.6
Dec.	29.9	392.3	73.6	132.7	40.6	69.8	106.0	160.4	1,089.5
1956: Jan.	29.8	391.1	75.1	125.6	41.3	69.6	98.0	160.8	1,075.8
Feb.	29.4	394.2	77.1	132.4	42.1	69.3	96.6	162.2	1,087.6

\* Including miscellaneous groups (72,100 males, 12,200 females, 84,300 persons in February 1956) not shown in the table. † From July, 1949, subject to revision. ‡ Includes Education, Health, Law, Hotels and Restaurants, and other Professional and Personal Services.

### 3. Wage and Salary Earners in Civil Employment in N.S.W.—Governmental and Private

(Excluding Rural Workers, Females in Private Domestic Service and Defence Forces.)

(1) Particulars in Tables 2 and 3 are estimates based on the National Register of 1939, the Civilian Register of 1943, and the Occupation Survey of 1945, and returns supplied monthly by employers for purposes of Commonwealth pay-roll taxation and by governmental authorities.

(2) The Pay-roll Tax returns show the number of employees whose names appeared on the last pay-roll of the month, irrespective of whether they were actually working at the end of the month.

(3) Workers in rural industry, females in private domestic service, members of the full-time defence forces at home or abroad, and National Service Trainees in camp are excluded.

Month	Government Authorities*			Private Employment			Total Employment		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
Thousands									
1939: July	136.5	19.4	155.9	393.4	148.6	542.0	529.9	168.0	697.9
1943: June	157.1	45.1	202.2	368.0	209.3	577.3	525.1	254.4	779.5
1945: June	156.0	43.6	199.6	380.0	204.3	584.3	536.0	247.9	783.9
1946: June	169.0	33.4	202.4	449.5	208.9	658.4	618.5	242.3	860.8
1947: June	178.2	32.3	210.5	493.6	219.8	713.4	671.8	252.1	923.9
1948: June	186.1	33.6	219.7	516.2	228.3	744.5	702.3	261.9	964.2
1949: May†	193.8	35.7	229.5	527.6	234.2	761.8	721.4	269.9	991.3
1950: June	202.7	39.1	241.8	538.1	239.4	777.5	740.8	278.5	1,019.3
1951: June	207.2	41.4	248.6	551.0	249.6	800.6	758.2	291.0	1,049.2
1952: June	214.0	41.9	255.9	540.4	228.6	769.0	754.4	270.5	1,024.9
1953: June	206.8	39.3	246.1	527.5	226.9	754.4	734.3	266.2	1,000.5
1954: June	210.6	40.0	250.6	547.5	239.5	787.0	758.1	279.5	1,037.6
1954: Sept.	210.9	40.4	251.3	549.6	243.3	792.9	760.5	283.7	1,044.2
Oct.	210.1	40.6	250.7	551.8	245.5	797.3	761.9	286.1	1,048.0
Nov.	211.7	40.9	252.6	555.8	250.0	805.8	767.5	290.9	1,058.4
Dec.	212.3	40.7	253.0	557.7	252.3	810.0	770.0	293.0	1,063.0
1955: Jan.	211.5	40.9	252.4	556.1	246.9	803.0	767.6	287.8	1,055.4
Feb.	212.6	41.9	254.5	560.1	249.6	809.7	772.7	291.5	1,064.2
Mar.	214.0	42.0	256.0	561.9	250.4	812.3	775.9	292.4	1,068.3
Apr.	214.4	42.0	256.4	561.6	250.1	811.7	776.0	292.1	1,068.1
May	214.5	42.2	256.7	562.8	250.9	813.7	777.3	293.1	1,070.4
June	215.2	42.3	257.5	564.0	250.2	814.2	779.2	292.5	1,071.7
July	213.3	42.4	255.7	563.6	250.6	814.2	776.9	293.0	1,069.9
Aug.	215.2	42.7	257.9	564.9	251.8	816.7	780.1	294.5	1,074.6
Sept.	214.5	42.7	257.2	565.3	253.2	818.5	779.8	295.9	1,075.7
Oct.	214.0	42.7	256.7	565.4	255.0	820.4	779.4	297.7	1,077.1
Nov.	214.0	43.2	257.2	570.1	258.3	828.4	784.1	301.5	1,085.6
Dec.	215.1	42.8	257.9	571.0	260.6	831.6	786.1	303.4	1,089.5
1956: Jan.	214.2	43.1	257.3	563.1	255.4	818.5	777.3	298.5	1,075.8
Feb.	215.0	43.9	258.9	571.7	257.0	828.7	786.7	300.9	1,087.6

\* Employees of Commonwealth, State, local, and allied governmental authorities.

† June, 1949, affected by an industrial dispute in coal mines and power restrictions.

### 4. Employment in Larger Private Factories, New South Wales

In order to provide a prompt indication of the trend of employment in private factories, a survey of employment in 628 larger privately-owned factories in New South Wales is made each month, by joint arrangement between the Secretary of the Department of Labour and National Service and the Acting Commonwealth Statistician. Approximately half of total factory employment is covered by the collection, the results of which are available one month earlier than particulars of total factory employment shown in Table 2.

Larger Private Factories—Employment at end of Month									
Industrial Group	Males			Females			Persons		
	1956			1956			1956		
	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
Building Materials	13,837	13,711	13,475	1,471	1,460	1,480	15,308	15,171	14,955
Basic Metals	31,094	30,162	30,040	1,475	1,449	1,444	32,569	31,611	31,484
Transportation Equipment	19,498	19,801	20,051	1,884	1,963	1,993	21,382	21,764	22,044
Other Metal Manufacture	38,062	37,962	37,999	9,589	9,570	9,487	47,651	47,532	47,486
Chemicals and Allied Products	6,802	6,856	6,825	2,101	2,116	2,101	8,903	8,972	8,926
Clothing and Textiles	10,794	10,848	10,852	18,581	18,636	18,653	29,375	29,484	29,505
Food	14,199	14,603	14,028	5,954	6,933	6,220	20,153	21,536	20,248
All Other	17,504	17,402	17,467	5,166	5,146	5,218	22,670	22,548	22,685
Total—All Groups	151,790	151,345	150,737	46,221	47,273	46,596	198,011	198,618	197,333
Excluding Food	137,591	136,742	136,709	40,267	40,340	40,376	177,858	177,082	177,085

### 5. Wages and Salaries Paid and Average Earnings, N.S.W.\*

Year.	Total Wages and Salaries Paid : Weekly Average †	Average Weekly Earnings per Male Unit ‡	Quarter	Total Wages and Salaries Paid : Weekly Average †				Average Weekly Earnings per Male Unit ‡			
				1952-53	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1952-53	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56
				£ thousand				£	£	£	£
1947-48	6,976	7.73									
1948-49	8,133	8.73	Sept. Qr.	14,934	15,654	16,765	18,454	15.23	16.01	16.60	17.79
1949-50	9,018	9.50	Dec. Qr.	15,729	16,753	17,918	19,683	16.24	16.87	17.53	18.83
1950-51	11,385	11.46	Mar. Qr.	14,241	15,303	16,511		14.70	15.33	16.07	
1951-52	14,364	14.24	June Qr.	15,456	16,463	18,235		15.84	16.38	17.64	
1952-53	15,090	15.50									
1953-54	16,043	16.15									
1954-55	17,357	16.96									

\* Includes Australian Capital Territory. † Excludes pay of members of the armed forces. ‡ Total wages divided by total civil employment expressed in male units. Male units equals the number of males plus a proportion of females, based on the approximate ratio of average female earnings to average male earnings.

### 6. Unemployment, Sickness, and Special Benefits in New South Wales\*: Amount of Benefits Paid and Admissions to Unemployment Benefit

Period	Number Admitted to Unemployment Benefit during Period			Amount of Benefits Paid during Period			
	Males	Females	Persons	Unemployment	Sickness	Special †	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Year : 1948-49	2,092	165	2,257	23,279	302,298	53,925	379,502
1949-50†	103,599	23,901	127,500	1,064,698	307,315	176,698	1,548,711
1950-51	5,605	601	6,206	25,324	296,418	50,303	372,045
1951-52	7,680	3,258	10,938	55,135	262,244	33,502	350,881
1952-53	76,668	11,972	88,640	2,686,297	546,432	72,932	3,305,661
1953-54	18,854	4,599	23,453	1,247,215	697,949	132,797	2,077,961
1954-55	5,152	2,475	7,627	254,558	676,148	126,650	1,057,356
1955 : February	288	171	459	15,552	52,280	11,116	78,948
March	1,159	326	1,485	16,463	58,928	11,117	86,508
April	454	215	669	20,969	59,569	10,431	90,969
May	275	180	455	16,746	59,526	12,591	88,863
June	280	194	474	12,689	46,636	9,357	68,682
July	360	267	627	15,704	71,891	15,276	102,871
August	192	148	340	11,127	52,500	9,233	72,860
September	168	108	276	12,009	65,454	14,512	91,975
October	237	132	369	8,493	47,587	9,598	65,678
November	202	133	335	7,583	46,800	10,808	65,191
December	537	165	702	8,607	52,942	9,765	71,314
1956 : January	756	125	881	14,214	53,023	13,169	80,406
February	1,620	244	1,864	16,970	45,540	9,999	72,509
March	1,072	323	1,395	27,237	48,968	7,778	83,983

\* Including Australian Capital Territory.

† Including payments to immigrants during training for employment.

‡ Affected by power restrictions occasioned by an industrial dispute.

### 7. Unemployment, Sickness, and Special Benefits in New South Wales\*: Number Receiving Benefits at End of each Month

Last Saturday of Month	Unemployment			Sickness	Special †	All Benefits
	Males	Females	Persons	Persons		
1955 : February	666	469	1,135	3,212	762	5,109
March	768	474	1,242	3,148	752	5,142
April	648	468	1,116	3,199	775	5,090
May	600	453	1,053	3,271	779	5,103
June	569	473	1,042	3,366	747	5,155
July	563	507	1,070	3,404	744	5,218
August	495	406	901	3,363	746	5,010
September	376	331	707	3,298	732	4,737
October	360	300	660	3,129	736	4,525
November	347	298	645	3,225	731	4,601
December	649	317	966	2,864	683	4,513
1956 : January	1,028	294	1,322	2,997	690	5,009
February	1,586	351	1,937	3,076	662	5,675
March	1,782	463	2,245	2,979	649	5,873

\* Including Australian Capital Territory.

† Excluding immigrants.

## 8. Industrial Disputes in New South Wales

Compiled by N.S.W. Department of Labour and Industry

Period	Disputes	Employees Involved			Man-working Days Lost by Employees Involved		
		Mining	Non-mining	Total	Mining	Non-mining	Total
	Number	Thousands					
Year :							
1939	533	203	9	212	381	65	446
1948	1,506	229	48	277	497	278	775
1949	1,303	167	49	216	770	248	1,018
1950	1,694	221	138	359	294	325	619
1951	1,443	335	144	479	409	328	737
1952	1,297	194	181	375	274	485	759
1953	1,119	138	171	309	355	385	740
1954	1,132	166	88	254	256	278	534
1955	1,146	131	192	323	208	489	697
1955 :							
March	72	6	9	15	8	17	25
April	63	6	9	15	13	13	26
May	83	16	12	28	23	18	41
June	84	9	28	37	16	78	94
July	90	9	11	20	12	123	135
August	98	17	25	42	26	102	128
September	96	15	19	34	28	27	55
October	94	13	17	30	26	33	59
November	76	18	24	42	27	23	50
December	17	1	2	3	4	3	7
1956 :							
January	38	3	17	20	6	101	107
February	74	15	13	28	24	115	139
March	96	35	14	49	41	50	91

Monthly particulars are approximate.

## 9. Population, Migration, Births, Deaths and Marriages, New South Wales

Period	Estimated Population at end of Period*			Net Immigration	Live Births	Total Deaths	Deaths under 1 Year	Marriages
	Males	Females	Persons					
Year :								
1948	1,523,810	1,524,496	3,048,306	16,235	67,234	30,403	2,037	30,164
1949	1,579,257	1,570,549	3,149,806	69,903	68,812	29,364	1,878	28,757
1950	1,627,618	1,613,439	3,241,057	58,399	71,592	30,965	1,936	30,036
1951	1,667,566	1,647,106	3,314,672	41,010	72,069	31,932	1,895	30,341
1952	1,695,899	1,672,087	3,367,986	18,043	74,196	32,038	1,818	29,351
1953	1,713,639	1,695,370	3,409,009	4,578	74,890	31,707	1,846	27,573
1954	1,738,385	1,723,928	3,462,313	15,977	73,125	32,444	1,850	27,503
1955	1,770,966	1,754,957	3,525,923	21,756	74,407	32,553	1,850	27,645
1953 :								
Mar. Qr.	1,701,582	1,678,745	3,380,327	1,818	19,056	6,858	427	6,968
June Qr.	1,703,078	1,680,714	3,383,792	(-) 5,514	18,401	7,767	437	7,048
Sept. Qr.	1,707,123	1,686,075	3,393,198	1,324	18,233	9,160	497	6,033
Dec. Qr.	1,713,639	1,695,370	3,409,009	6,950	18,510	7,922	485	7,524
1954 :								
Mar. Qr.	1,717,596	1,699,113	3,416,709	(-) 1,885	18,123	6,854	442	7,145
June Qr.	1,720,860	1,702,669	3,423,529	(-) 1,949	18,607	8,168	488	6,926
Sept. Qr.	1,728,003	1,711,157	3,439,160	7,302	18,326	9,997	485	5,989
Dec. Qr.	1,738,385	1,723,928	3,462,313	12,509	18,069	7,425	435	7,443
1955 :								
Mar. Qr.	1,747,737	1,732,093	3,479,830	5,772	18,639	6,894	447	6,900
June Qr.	1,753,041	1,737,290	3,490,331	464	18,511	8,474	470	7,293
Sept. Qr.	1,760,819	1,744,281	3,505,100	5,072	19,404	9,707	494	5,905
Dec. Qr.	1,770,966	1,754,957	3,525,923	10,448	17,853	7,478	439	7,547

(-) Denotes net emigration.

\* Adjusted in accordance with the final results of the Census of 30th June, 1954.

The Estimated Population of Metropolis (Sydney and Suburbs) at 30th June, 1955, was 1,897,710 persons.

## 10. Mean Population of N.S.W. : Financial and Calendar Years\*

Year	Year ended 30th June			Year ended 31st December		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
1947	1,480,897	1,482,159	2,963,056	1,491,569	1,492,241	2,983,810
1948	1,500,934	1,500,728	3,001,662	1,510,297	1,509,761	3,020,058
1949	1,525,112	1,523,939	3,049,051	1,548,916	1,544,361	3,093,277
1950	1,577,252	1,568,447	3,145,699	1,602,498	1,590,710	3,193,208
1951	1,626,328	1,612,078	3,238,406	1,648,264	1,631,151	3,279,415
1952	1,665,975	1,645,865	3,311,840	1,682,305	1,659,171	3,341,476
1953	1,695,042	1,671,316	3,366,358	1,704,209	1,682,347	3,386,556
1954	1,712,508	1,692,906	3,405,414	1,723,012	1,705,476	3,428,488
1955	1,737,803	1,721,735	3,459,538	1,754,138	1,738,247	3,492,385

\* Adjusted in accordance with the final results of the Census of 30th June, 1954.

# **BUILDING ACTIVITY IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Note 1. "Value" represents the estimated cost of the building when completed (exclusive of the land).

2. Building is classified as "government" or "private" according to ownership.

3. The value of building approved is the value of permits issued by local government councils, plus the value of contracts let or work commenced and day labour projects authorised by governmental authorities.

4. Buildings on rural holdings are for the most part excluded.

## **11. Value of Private and Government Building\* Approved: Area of State**

Period	Private Total, N.S.W.	Government Total, N.S.W.	Private and Government				
			Division of Cumberland			Rest of State	Total, N.S.W.
			Metropolis †	Balance †	Total		
			£ thousand				
Year: 1948	49,443	11,343	28,839	12,191	41,030	19,756	60,786
1949	58,923	14,244	34,419	13,847	48,266	24,901	73,167
1950	82,118	17,375	45,276	19,655	64,931	34,562	99,493
1951	97,712	22,386	52,249	23,626	75,875	44,223	120,098
1952	66,404	12,252	32,607	16,311	48,918	29,738	78,656
1953	90,224	21,361	49,526	22,499	72,025	39,560	111,585
1954	110,448	20,051	80,702	3,267	83,969	46,530	130,499
1955	118,520	38,721	99,989	9,782	109,771	47,470	157,241
1954: October	9,196	1,879	6,489	303	6,792	4,283	11,075
November	12,297	1,177	9,119	399	9,518	3,956	13,474
December	8,303	2,191	6,098	256	6,354	4,140	10,494
1955: January	6,879	1,990	5,948	196	6,144	2,725	8,869
February	9,076	834	6,080	331	6,411	3,499	9,910
1955: October	9,112	5,132	10,144	448	10,592	3,652	14,244
November	9,592	1,782	7,620	460	8,080	3,294	11,374
December	8,869	3,043	7,844	499	8,343	3,569	11,912
1956: January	8,692	758	6,204	250	6,454	2,996	9,450
February	10,527	1,300	8,364	421	8,785	3,042	11,827

\* New buildings and alterations and additions combined. † Metropolis enlarged on 1st January, 1954, by transfer of 425 sq. miles from "Balance of Cumberland." Figures since January, 1954, are not comparable with those for earlier periods.

## **12. Value of Private and Government Building\* Approved: Class of Building**

Period	Houses	Flats and Conversions to Flats	Hotels, Guest Houses, etc.	Shops and Shops with Dwellings	Factories	Other Buildings	Total
£ thousand							
DIVISION OF CUMBERLAND							
Year : 1949	35,574	2,499	33	724	4,357	5,079	48,266
1950	46,009	3,596	129	1,271	6,901	7,025	64,931
1951	47,801	3,589	500	1,533	9,725	12,727	75,875
1952	31,112	1,124	503	1,147	6,585	8,447	48,918
1953	49,258	973	1,324	2,608	4,762	13,100	72,025
1954	51,887	796	1,638	5,574	10,492	13,582	83,969
1955	52,846	1,703	2,060	4,131	20,528	28,503	109,771
1954: October	4,948	47	158	298	495	846	6,792
November	4,346	143	198	359	2,850	1,622	9,518
December	3,535	66	61	203	1,007	1,482	6,354
1955: January	3,425	6	66	304	588	1,755	6,144
February	3,592	164	308	388	646	1,313	6,411
1955: October	4,500	179	127	242	1,276	4,268	10,592
November	4,786	181	61	325	695	2,032	8,080
December	3,588	175	99	398	604	3,479	8,343
1956: January	3,252	188	120	176	1,590	1,128	6,454
February	4,118	51	734	918	212	2,752	8,785

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Year: 1949	54,630	2,991	111	1,178	5,187	9,070	73,167
1950	70,063	4,379	359	2,336	8,619	13,737	99,493
1951	77,067	4,195	1,090	2,906	14,460	20,380	120,098
1952	52,853	1,353	1,227	2,018	8,159	13,046	78,656
1953	78,294	1,632	2,184	4,155	5,475	19,845	111,585
1954	82,210	1,612	3,346	7,726	12,064	23,541	130,499
1955	81,651	2,309	3,945	6,235	23,223	39,878	157,241
1954: October	7,779	143	367	606	583	1,397	11,075
November	7,084	214	461	543	2,921	2,251	13,474
December	6,004	127	396	342	1,263	2,362	10,494
1955: January	5,129	11	230	407	710	2,382	8,869
February	5,852	241	326	524	769	2,198	9,910
1955: October	6,725	240	421	497	1,362	4,999	14,244
November	6,938	211	152	443	754	2,876	11,374
December	5,654	196	201	550	984	4,327	11,912
1956: January	5,207	242	230	431	1,706	1,634	9,450
February	5,957	58	869	1,070	343	3,530	11,827

\* New buildings, alterations and additions combined.

## 13. New House and Flat Building, New South Wales : Number of Dwelling Units

Period	Houses				Flats				Houses and Flats			
	Approved †	Commenced	Completed	Un- completed *	Approved †	Commenced	Completed	Un- completed *	Approved †	Commenced	Completed	Un- completed *
PRIVATE												
Year : 1950 †	31,020	19,437	15,866	23,358	1,364	744	634	907	32,384	20,181	16,500	24,265
1951	28,206	21,336	16,252	28,442†	1,091	732	790	849	29,297	22,068	17,042	29,291†
1952	17,827	18,449	19,634	27,257†	271	295	744	529	18,098	18,744	20,378	27,785†
1953	23,103	20,324	21,051	26,530†	393	306	555	271	23,496	20,630	21,606	26,801†
1954	24,254	22,205	22,145	26,590†	499	531	412	384	24,753	22,736	22,557	26,974†
1955	23,173	21,606	23,455	24,741†	651	499	406	451	23,824	22,105	23,861	25,192†
1953 : Dec. Qr.	5,785	5,370	5,941	26,530†	93	72	98	271	5,878	5,442	6,039	26,801†
1954 : Mar. Qr.	5,164	5,555	5,134	26,951†	101	131	116	282	5,265	5,686	5,250	27,233†
June Qr.	6,053	5,644	5,415	27,180†	139	114	42	354	6,192	5,758	5,457	27,534†
Sept. Qr.	6,868	5,567	5,681	27,066†	111	161	66	449	6,979	5,728	5,747	27,515†
Dec. Qr.	6,169	5,439	5,915	26,590†	148	125	188	384	6,317	5,564	6,103	26,974†
1955 : Mar. Qr.	5,514	5,217	5,350	26,457†	111	60	93	337	5,625	5,277	5,443	26,794†
June Qr.	6,144	5,398	6,285	25,370†	159	105	87	351	6,303	5,503	6,372	25,921†
Sept. Qr.	5,984	5,592	6,139	25,023†	210	146	111	384	6,194	5,738	6,250	25,407†
Dec. Qr.	5,531	5,399	5,681	24,741†	171	188	115	451	5,702	5,587	5,796	25,192†

## GOVERNMENT

Year : 1950	3,909	3,739	3,453	4,775	505	815	335	1,269	4,414	4,554	3,788	6,044
1951	5,247	4,322	4,127	4,970	507	523	330	1,462	5,754	4,845	4,457	6,432
1952	843	2,931	5,250	2,651	(-) 25	236	635	1,063	818	3,167	5,885	3,714
1953	6,232	5,071	4,547	3,175	348	148	1,000	211	6,580	5,219	5,547	3,386
1954	4,511	5,448	6,031	2,592	265	422	273	360	4,776	5,870	6,304	2,952
1955	3,398	3,697	3,958	2,331	283	261	276	345	3,681	3,958	4,234	2,676
1953 : Dec. Qr.	2,417	1,913	1,453	3,175	157	53	272	211	2,574	1,966	1,725	3,386
1954 : Mar. Qr.	852	1,642	914	3,903	76	206	45	372	928	1,848	959	4,275
June Qr.	1,292	1,483	1,738	3,648	33	46	94	324	1,325	1,529	1,832	3,972
Sept. Qr.	1,238	1,322	1,614	3,356	63	24	36	312	1,301	1,346	1,650	3,668
Dec. Qr.	1,129	1,001	1,765	2,592	93	146	98	360	1,222	1,147	1,863	2,952
1955 : Mar. Qr.	307	701	1,068	2,225	9	24	98	286	316	725	1,166	2,511
June Qr.	1,679	857	1,204	1,878	141	137	35	388	1,820	994	1,239	2,266
Sept. Qr.	700	1,257	861	2,274	72	48	76	360	772	1,305	937	2,634
Dec. Qr.	712	882	825	2,331	61	52	67	345	773	934	892	2,676

## PRIVATE AND GOVERNMENT

Year : 1950†	34,929	23,176	19,319	28,133	1,869	1,559	969	2,176	36,798	24,735	20,288	30,309
1951	33,453	25,658	20,379	33,412†	1,598	1,255	1,120	2,311	35,051	26,913	21,499	35,723†
1952	18,670	21,380	24,884	29,908†	246	531	1,379	1,592	18,916	21,911	26,263	31,500†
1953	29,335	25,995	25,598	29,705†	741	454	1,555	482	30,076	25,849	27,153	30,187†
1954	28,765	27,653	28,176	29,182†	764	953	685	744	29,529	28,606	28,861	29,926†
1955	26,571	25,303	27,413	27,072†	934	760	682	796	27,505	26,063	28,095	27,868†
1953 : Dec. Qr.	8,202	7,283	7,394	29,705†	250	125	370	482	8,452	7,408	7,764	30,187†
1954 : Mar. Qr.	6,016	7,197	6,048	30,854†	177	337	161	654	6,193	7,534	6,209	31,508†
June Qr.	7,345	7,127	7,153	30,828†	172	160	136	678	7,517	7,287	7,289	31,506†
Sept. Qr.	8,106	6,889	7,295	30,422†	174	185	102	761	8,280	7,074	7,397	31,183†
Dec. Qr.	7,298	6,440	7,680	29,182†	241	271	286	744	7,539	6,711	7,966	29,926†
1955 : Mar. Qr.	5,821	5,918	6,418	28,682†	120	84	191	623	5,941	6,002	6,609	29,305†
June Qr.	7,823	6,255	7,489	27,448†	300	242	122	739	8,123	6,497	7,611	28,187†
Sept. Qr.	6,684	6,849	7,000	27,297†	282	194	187	744	6,966	7,043	7,187	28,041†
Dec. Qr.	6,243	6,281	6,506	27,072†	232	240	182	796	6,475	6,521	6,688	27,868†

\* At end of period. Includes some private houses on which work has been suspended or abandoned. † Partly estimated.  
 ‡ "Private approved"—local government permits to build. "Government approved"—contracts let and day labour projects authorised by governmental authorities. Statistics of dwellings approved are available monthly; figures for current months are as follows :—

Ownership	Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
New Houses and Flats Approved : Number of Dwelling Units.													
Private	1955	1,584	1,954	2,087	1,849	2,196	2,258	1,969	2,054	2,171	2,029	2,019	1,654
	1956	1,609†	1,823										
Gov'tment	1955	112	66	138	429	438	953	229	190	353	274	273	226
	1956	170	24										
Total	1955	1,696	2,020	2,225	2,278	2,634	3,211	2,198	2,244	2,524	2,303	2,292	1,880
	1956	1,779†	1,847										

(-) denotes excess of contracts cancelled over contracts let.

## 14. New South Wales Government Railways : Traffic and Finances

Period	Passenger Journeys	Goods Carried (excluding livestock)	Earnings*	Working Expenses†	Excess of Earnings over Working Expenses
	Thousands	Thous. tons	£ thousand		
Year: 1938-39	186,720	14,679	19,146	14,543	4,603
1948-49	263,116	16,903	39,663	35,739	3,924
1949-50	258,183	15,890	40,122‡	39,281	841
1950-51	268,567	17,131	49,448	49,168	280
1951-52	268,168	18,528	68,910	64,020	4,890
1952-53	271,698	17,877	72,676	66,452	6,224
1953-54	278,904	19,351	74,569	67,397	7,172
1954-55	281,417	18,667	73,361	68,397	4,964
1954-55 : July-Feb.	186,260	12,538	50,026	44,668	5,358
1955-56 : July-Feb.	185,860	12,144	49,877	47,911	1,966
1954 : November	24,227	1,595	6,528	5,569	959
December	22,775	1,673	7,278	5,692	1,586
1955 : January	22,852	1,143	5,368	5,467	(—) 99
February	23,737	1,413	5,386	5,569	(—) 183
1955 : November	22,552	1,583	6,555	5,980	575
December	22,252	1,542	6,253	6,189	64
1956 : January	23,796	1,154	5,693	5,864	(—) 171
February	22,647	1,372	5,812	6,006	(—) 194

\* Excludes grants from Consolidated Revenue (£1,800,000 in 1954-55). † Excluding capital charges such as interest, exchange, etc.; a proportion of sinking fund for retirement of assets is included. ‡ Excludes a special grant of £3m. by the Commonwealth Government towards losses due to an industrial dispute in coal mines, June to August, 1949.

## 15. New South Wales Government Tramways and Omnibuses : Finances

Period	Gross Revenue			Working Expenses*	Excess of Revenue over Working Expenses
	Trams	Buses	Total		
	£ thousand				
Year: 1938-39	3,449	925	4,374	3,707	667
1948-49	5,098	3,643	8,741	8,580	161
1949-50	4,792	4,307	9,099†	9,538	(—) 439
1950-51	5,162	5,110	10,272	11,201	(—) 929
1951-52	5,510	5,680	11,190	13,807	(—) 2,617
1952-53	5,690	5,836	11,526	14,240	(—) 2,714
1953-54	5,542	6,033	11,575	13,631	(—) 2,056
1954-55	5,227	6,248	11,475	13,657	(—) 2,182
1954-55 : July-Feb.	3,484	4,107	7,591	8,866	(—) 1,275
1955-56 : July-Feb.	3,162	4,221	7,383	9,316	(—) 1,933
1954 : November	436	524	960	1,105	(—) 145
December	429	572	1,001	1,142	(—) 141
1955 : January	418	526	944	1,099	(—) 155
February	396	494	890	1,095	(—) 205
1955 : November	390	488	878	1,152	(—) 274
December	354	484	838	1,089	(—) 251
1956 : January	444	548	992	1,280	(—) 288
February	373	507	880	1,131	(—) 251

\* Exclusive of sinking fund, interest on loan capital, exchange, and depreciation (£1,106,005 in year 1954-55). † Excludes a special grant of £200,000 by the Commonwealth Government towards losses due to an industrial dispute in coal mines, June to August, 1949.

## 16. Port of Sydney : Cargoes Discharged and Shipped

Compiled by Maritime Services Board of New South Wales. Vessels transporting troops, war equipment and supplies are included. Warships are excluded.

Period	Oversea		Interstate		Intra-state		Total	
	Inward	Outward	Inward	Outward	Inward	Outward	Inward	Outward
	Thousand tons (Measurement and Weight Combined)							
Year: 1938-39	2,045	1,429	1,187	798	1,896	340	5,128	2,567
1950-51	3,351	1,571	892	540	1,781	135	6,524	2,196
1951-52	4,236	1,155	903	533	1,837	116	6,976	1,804
1952-53	2,452	1,755	871	675	1,881	92	5,204	2,022
1953-54	3,164	1,433	948	798	2,028	62	6,142	2,293
1954-55	3,687	1,331	987	700	2,000	45	6,674	2,077
1955 : Mar. Qr.	934	354	224	171	438	16	1,596	541
June Qr.	1,095	348	247	170	513	6	1,855	524
Sept. Qr.	800	350	306	188	591	—	1,697	538
Dec. Qr.	853	365	276	149	650	2	1,779	516
1956 : Mar. Qr.	799	346	210	201	401	25	1,410	572

## 17. Motor Vehicles on the Register\* in New South Wales

End of Month	Cars	Omni-buses	Taxi-cabs and Hire Cars	Lorries, Utilities, and Vans	Total of foregoing	Motor Cycles	Trailers	All Other Vehicles†	Total on Register
1939 : June	213,331	1,430	3,278	76,726	294,765	24,151	6,414	2,298	327,628
1945 : June	182,972	1,891	2,962	82,957	270,782	16,068	9,065	2,397	298,312
1947 : June	195,857	2,200	3,330	113,544	314,931	25,172	14,712	3,635	358,450
1949 : June	232,837	2,947	3,562	140,338	379,684	36,379	21,525	6,362	443,950
1951 : June	308,294	3,363	4,159	181,529	497,345	46,851	28,131	9,328	581,655
1952 : June	338,640	3,429	4,474	196,295	542,838	47,552	31,429	10,482	632,301
1953 : June	360,573	3,417	4,471	199,870	568,331	45,100	34,173	11,413	659,017
1954 : June	393,951	3,457	4,446	210,142	611,996	42,451	37,853	13,136	705,436
1955 : June	437,372	3,566	4,524	223,676	669,138	39,787	42,356	15,304	766,585
1954 : Nov.	412,849	3,540	4,601	216,349	637,339	41,565	39,733	14,049	732,686
Dec.	416,569	3,555	4,613	217,749	642,486	41,468	40,609	14,265	738,828
1955 : Jan.	418,257	3,555	4,610	218,247	644,669	41,319	41,185	14,339	741,512
Feb.	421,905	3,560	4,620	219,735	649,820	41,149	41,362	14,539	746,870
1955 : Nov.	458,279	3,583	4,571	231,083	697,516	38,909	44,469	16,526	797,420
Dec.	462,663	3,576	4,582	232,739	703,560	38,813	45,707	16,732	804,812
1956 : Jan.	465,207	3,581	4,586	233,664	707,038	38,644	46,673	16,886	809,241
Feb.	467,817	3,589	4,592	234,385	710,383	38,204	46,896	17,054	812,537

\* Excludes defence vehicles. † Comprises traders' plates, tourist vehicles, and tractors (excluding tractors used solely on farms); details are shown in the Statistical Bulletin (Quarterly).

## 18. New Motor Vehicles Registered\* in New South Wales : Types

Period	Cars†	Taxi-cabs‡	Omni-buses‡	Lorries, Utilities, and Vans	Total of foregoing	Motor Cycles	Tractors§ and Trailers	Total
Year : 1938-39	19,924	569	130	7,712	28,335	2,196	1,714	32,245
1947-48	16,659	133	329	9,079	26,200	4,451	3,521	34,172
1948-49	25,466	186	339	11,674	37,665	7,442	4,177	49,284
1949-50	41,163	133	212	20,158	61,666	8,659	5,004	75,329
1950-51	46,689	323	84	29,076	76,172	8,855	5,578	90,605
1951-52	41,426	267	127	25,628	67,448	6,018	5,779	79,245
1952-53	30,989	509	123	18,436	50,057	3,042	5,653	58,752
1953-54	43,174	445	117	21,257	64,993	2,964	6,216	74,173
1954-55	55,944	339	59	24,776	81,118	3,437	7,544	92,099
1954-5 : July-Feb.	34,486	214	49	16,089	50,838	2,193	5,495	58,526
1955-6 : July-Feb.	38,997	283	13	17,413	56,706	2,105	6,023	64,834
1954 : Nov.	4,333	27	10	2,107	6,477	283	703	7,463
Dec.	4,383	25	7	2,120	6,535	329	1,217	8,081
1955 : Jan.	2,603	5	3	1,392	4,003	259	821	5,083
Feb.	4,634	39	2	1,815	6,490	309	492	7,291
1955 : Nov.	5,112	35	2	2,364	7,513	320	749	8,582
Dec.	4,814	34	1	2,186	7,035	254	1,303	8,592
1956 : Jan.	3,273	19	2	1,656	4,950	268	999	6,217
Feb.	4,197	44	1	2,027	6,269	221	506	6,996

\* Excludes defence vehicles. † Includes taxi-cabs and omnibuses in country districts. ‡ Metropolitan and Newcastle Districts only. § Tractors used solely on farms are not registered.

## 19. New Motor Vehicles Registered in New South Wales : Country of Origin

Period	Cars					Lorries, Utilities, and Vans				
	Australia	United Kingdom	U.S.A., Canada	Other	Total	Australia	United Kingdom	U.S.A., Canada	Other	Total
Year : 1938-39	...	38.8	60.6	0.6	19,924	...	25.0	74.6	0.4	7,712
1947-48	...	53.5	45.7	0.8	16,659	...	18.3	81.7	...	9,079
1948-49	3.1	76.5	18.7	1.7	25,466	...	50.1	49.8	0.1	11,674
1949-50	11.7	77.2	7.9	3.2	41,163	...	72.0	27.4	0.6	20,153
1950-51	16.5	67.5	10.1	5.9	46,689	1.9	75.8	21.7	0.6	29,076
1951-52	19.3	62.2	11.8	6.7	41,426	7.9	63.7	26.8	1.6	25,628
1952-53	32.3	50.1	14.5	3.1	30,989	18.8	49.8	29.4	2.0	18,436
1953-54	29.3	53.1	14.2	3.4	43,174	19.8	49.0	29.2	2.0	21,257
1954-55	25.8	57.4	10.8	6.0	55,944	24.1	47.3	25.6	3.0	24,776
1954-5 : July-Feb.	26.6	55.4	12.1	5.9	34,486	24.4	46.0	26.8	2.8	16,089
1955-6 : July-Feb.	27.4	51.7	12.4	8.5	38,997	23.5	46.2	26.3	4.0	17,413
1954 : Nov.	30.2	50.9	12.5	6.4	4,333	25.6	43.8	27.7	2.9	2,107
Dec.	29.1	49.8	12.9	8.2	4,383	24.2	49.4	24.4	2.0	2,120
1955 : Jan.	24.6	56.9	11.1	7.4	2,603	19.4	51.2	23.4	6.0	1,392
Feb.	25.2	59.5	9.1	6.2	4,634	21.0	46.0	29.0	4.0	1,815
1955 : Nov.	28.6	49.3	14.1	8.0	5,112	23.9	45.2	26.8	4.1	2,364
Dec.	26.7	50.9	14.7	7.7	4,814	22.2	43.7	28.6	5.5	2,186
1956 : Jan.	25.9	52.4	12.5	9.2	3,273	19.0	46.1	30.3	4.6	1,656
Feb.	31.7	46.8	11.3	10.2	4,197	24.8	42.4	28.6	4.2	2,027

## 20. Coal Production in New South Wales

Period of Four Weeks	Last Day of Period (1956 Dates)	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956
Thousand tons								
1st*	Jan. 21	714	442	622	604	605	304	293p
2nd	Feb. 18	952	876	1,134	1,135	1,151	1,194	1,033p
3rd	Mar. 17	932	888	1,292	1,139	1,217	1,036	1,053p
4th	Apr. 14	925	1,052	1,158	1,008	1,134	1,098	1,014p
5th	May 12	1,013	980	1,171	931	1,119	1,164	
6th	June 9	1,038	1,052	1,147	999	1,285	1,222	
7th	July 7	923	1,168	1,236	1,052	1,155	1,203	
8th	Aug. 4	961	1,158	1,177	1,309	1,201	1,294	
9th	Sept. 1	1,144	1,174	1,240	1,247	1,221	1,247	
10th	Sept. 29	1,051	1,205	1,287	1,242	1,246	1,277r	
11th	Oct. 27	1,120	1,255	1,267	1,232	1,257	1,246r	
12th	Nov. 24	1,093	1,222	1,272	1,284	1,211	1,202r	
13th*	Dec. 22	932	1,041	1,019	992	1,281	1,247r	
Year: Underground		11,197	11,224	12,492	12,452	13,703	13,833r	
Open Cut ...		1,601	2,289	2,530	1,722	1,380	901r	
Total ...		12,798	13,513	15,022	14,174	15,083	14,734r	

## SIXTEEN WEEKS ENDED—

	Apr. 22	Apr. 21	Apr. 19	Apr. 18	Apr. 17	Apr. 16	Apr. 14
Northern District ...	2,354	2,087	2,618	2,455	2,578	2,238	2,075p
Southern District ...	593	635	749	810	906	890	913p
Western District ...	575	536	839	620	624	504	405p
Underground ...	3,113	2,759	3,411	3,375	3,687	3,433	3,220p
Open Cut ...	409	499	795	510	421	199	173p
Total ...	3,522	3,258	4,206	3,885	4,108	3,632	3,393p

\*Miners' mid-summer holidays:

	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.	1955.	1956.
In 1st Period ...	{N-1 wk.	2 weeks	2 weeks	2 weeks	2 weeks	3 weeks	3 weeks
In 13th Period	{S & W-2 wks. 1 week	1 week	1 week	1 week	Nil.	Nil.	

## 21. Consumption of Gas and Electricity, Sydney

(Index of Monthly Sales of Gas and Electricity)

Based on number of units each equal to 3,412 British Thermal Units. The base for each month is the average sales in the corresponding month of the three years, 1929 to 1931.

Month	Average 1929 to 1931	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956
January	100	221	235	251	252	275	281	299
February	100	241	240	258	263	277	297	318
March	100	238	235	253	264	285	298	
April	100	226	243	249	256	273	281	
May	100	237	240	253	261	286	300	
June	100	232	245	250	274	300	313	
July	100	214	253	254	276	296	311	
August	100	234	255	248	273	296	311	
September	100	236	248	251	276	304	305	
October	100	238	255	254	279	294	299	
November	100	246	265	256	283	303	313	
December	100	236	246	265	282	299	305	
Year	100	233	247	253	270	291	302	

# MONTHLY PRODUCTION, NEW SOUTH WALES

Statistics for 1953-54 are final, but all figures from July, 1954, are subject to revision.

## 22. Production of Food and Drink

Period	Butter *	Cheese *	Processed Whole Milk Products	Bacon and Ham *	Jam	Preserved Fruit	Preserved Vegetables
Thousand lb.							
Year: 1938-39	113,841	7,193	14,357	25,987	20,635	28,387	4,902
1949-50	82,469	6,333	51,215	28,879	36,246	31,748	32,265
1950-51	76,873	6,630	45,827	28,157	31,096	35,743	32,130
1951-52	52,501	4,469	38,577	27,911§	29,260	48,106	37,823
1952-53	83,076	7,084	54,451	29,509	20,095	37,118	35,380
1953-54	66,557	7,191	50,233	26,499	23,800	52,592	19,603
1954-55p	86,661	5,619	26,580	25,819	21,673	43,434	22,574
1954-55: July-Feb.	62,112	4,001	18,191	17,396	14,342	19,396	15,041
1955-56: July-Feb.	69,479	5,427	26,803	17,896	16,322	19,878	24,457
1954: November	10,756	724	2,611	2,536	1,143	94	2,813
December	11,841	792	2,419	3,292	2,478	4,744	2,492
1955: January	10,234	547	2,706	1,672	2,322	3,433	1,586
February	9,989	546	2,295	1,785	2,438	9,651	1,918
1955: November	11,019	854	4,110	2,959	1,052	176	5,211
December	11,744	846	3,352	3,327	1,988	3,263	3,429
1956: January	12,401	965	3,470	1,576	3,843	5,103	4,083
February	10,433	820	2,886	1,643	2,390	9,418	4,101

Period	Flour (Wheaten)	Bran (Wheaten)	Pollard (Wheaten)	Cornflour (incl. Edible Starch)	Biscuits †
Tons (2,000 lb.)			Cwt.		Thous. lb.
Year: 1938-39	547,162	107,779	121,154	n.a.	43,611
1949-50	577,482	98,478	133,294	154,645	60,789
1950-51	677,682	112,744	146,879	179,891	67,725
1951-52	563,325	97,733	131,498	203,440	76,732
1952-53	521,957	84,221	125,575	198,345	73,432
1953-54	581,547	91,374	135,115	194,737	73,543
1954-55p	570,894	86,026	118,118	214,583	71,953
1954-55: July-Feb.	361,794	54,817	73,933	132,129	48,382
1955-56: July-Feb.	354,140	55,905	75,994	158,181	49,400
1954: November	41,765	6,494	8,261	18,146	6,204
December	49,471	7,691	9,908	13,947	6,444
1955: January	51,187	7,967	10,711	8,816	4,380
February	48,112	7,510	10,353	15,433	5,154
1955: November	50,118	8,153	10,898	21,758	6,186
December	48,219	7,667	10,526	15,839	6,340
1956: January	42,469	6,814	9,321	12,704	4,599
February	38,982	6,209	8,899	20,736	5,634

Period	Margarine		Ice Cream	Confectionery		Beer
	Table	Other		Chocolate (excl. couverture)	Other	
Thousand lb.			Thous. gal.	Thousand lb.		Thous. gal.
Year: 1938-39	4,492	22,475	2,233	21,988†	26,811	33,899
1949-50	8,457	38,242	7,540	28,910	31,307	54,704
1950-51	5,619	36,328	7,711	25,766	34,900	61,966
1951-52	11,146	41,017	7,937	23,243	36,894	66,799
1952-53	9,219	34,989	5,322	20,829	35,673	72,672
1953-54	13,718	36,593	5,525	21,803	33,963	79,943
1954-55p	n.a.	n.a.	5,979	19,908	35,992	89,237
1954-55: July-Feb.	n.a.	n.a.	4,358	10,942	24,184	58,758
1955-56: July-Feb.	n.a.	n.a.	4,441	11,977	24,395	65,875
1954: November	n.a.	n.a.	628	1,312	3,716	8,149
December	n.a.	n.a.	708	1,043	2,980	7,822
1955: January	n.a.	n.a.	700	982	1,770	7,702
February	n.a.	n.a.	619	1,477	2,769	8,020
1955: November	n.a.	n.a.	651	1,252	3,608	8,915
December	n.a.	n.a.	674	883	2,792	8,954
1956: January	n.a.	n.a.	805	1,052	1,964	9,136
February	n.a.	n.a.	609	1,746	3,069	7,953

\* Production in factories only.

† Excluding ice cream cones.

‡ Including couverture.

§ From July, 1951, the production of pressed ham and canned bacon and ham was changed from "bone-out" to a "bone-in" weight basis.

## 23. Production of Metals, Coal and Energy

Period	Gold	Coal	Coke (Metallurg.)	Pig Iron	Ingot Steel	Gas	Electricity
	Fine oz.		Thousand tons			Mill. cub. ft.	Mill. kWh
Year : 1938-39	88,488	9,987*	1,136†	1,105‡	1,168†	10,896	1,948
1949-50	47,288	11,290	1,164	1,002	1,266	17,846	3,758
1950-51	52,714	12,683	1,488	1,158	1,405	19,444	4,241
1951-52	40,761	14,800	1,607	1,219	1,473	20,537	4,628
1952-53	32,040	14,289	1,866	1,541	1,846	20,216	4,868
1953-54	31,913	15,011	1,987	1,621	2,086	20,802	5,450
1954-55p	27,691	14,660	2,027	1,669	2,162	21,363	5,998
1954-55 : July-Feb.	16,913	9,654	1,365	1,151	1,469	14,217	3,896
1955-56 : July-Feb.	20,865	9,630	1,320	1,162	1,520	14,256	4,254
1954 : November	1,473	1,345	168	145	185	1,676	481
December	1,550	1,147	180	149	185	1,646	470
1955 : January	1,485r	617	178	142	170	1,554	456
February	1,428	1,212	161	123	152	1,480	455
1955 : November	2,825	1,329	163	150	188	1,690	528
December	2,536	1,076r	162	148	189	1,649	505
1956 : January	2,123	635	171	151	193	1,490	494
February	2,689	1,104	169	145	189	1,486	511

\* Estimated. † Year ended 31st May. ‡ Monthly totals are approximate.

## 24. Production of Miscellaneous Metal Products

Period	Engines (Internal Combustion)		Electric Motors		Motor Bodies (Excl. Cabins and Conversions)	Pedal Cycles
	Marine	Other	Under 1 h.p.	Over 1 h.p.		
			Number 26,671*			
Year : 1938-39	977	1,214			5,425	36,416
1949-50	2,185	17,560	274,228	26,146	6,646	26,539
1950-51	2,160	21,586	369,684	34,166	8,866	29,156
1951-52	1,887	20,593	417,945	34,255	9,276	28,701
1952-53	1,140	10,986	353,820	21,251	9,431	21,766
1953-54	1,293	16,189	682,480	22,410	21,956	23,405
1954-55p	1,269	14,507	856,460	30,175	26,533	28,044
1954-55 : July-Feb.	880	10,154	582,351	19,612	16,407	18,526
1955-56 : July-Feb.	839	8,731	541,843	20,170	18,690	21,001
1954 : November	135	1,251	88,442	3,191	2,245	3,421
December	135	1,388	66,620	1,868	1,923	3,555
1955 : January	77	972	54,897	1,746	1,426	2,823
February	70	1,132	75,639	2,729	2,145	
1955 : November	135	1,556	78,209	2,690	2,721	3,613
December	130	690	66,174	1,576	2,059	3,722
1956 : January	41	671	44,486	1,574	1,612	1,034
February	88	1,113	60,553	2,853	2,530	1,817

\* Electric motors for sale as such; later totals include electric motors incorporated in finished products.

## 25. Production of Clothing

Period	Hosiery		Hats (Felt)	Brassieres	Gloves		Boots, Shoes and Sandals*	Slippers
	Women's, Maids' and Girls'	Other			Dress	Work*		
	Dozen pairs		Dozen		Dozen pairs		Thousand pairs	
Year : 1938-39	520,127	535,092	135,262	35,424	1,265	38,553	4,767	3,107
1949-50	383,837	374,572	118,724	148,312	11,041	106,610	6,024	2,822
1950-51	465,854	423,477	115,241	168,814	14,277	125,834	6,287	2,755
1951-52	463,596	376,536	86,586	163,163	15,362	151,555	6,155	2,465
1952-53	565,016	337,153	94,879	148,727	21,761	112,503	5,967	2,444
1953-54	610,178	442,305	102,109	178,604	27,740	147,326	6,744	2,902
1954-55p	641,298	415,055	83,769	158,433	14,602	181,929	6,435	2,009
1954-55 : July-Feb.	437,951	275,998	53,473	99,650	10,152	118,478	4,338	1,210
1955-56 : July-Feb.	382,010	238,015	49,005	106,115	10,343	35,328	4,190	1,504
1954 : November	64,708	39,666	7,273	15,654	1,644	15,779	631	188
December	50,165	36,530	4,667	15,082	821	15,477	499	121
1955 : January	29,504	19,857	6,894	9,583	630	9,744	309	86
February	51,917	29,823	7,619	13,138	864	15,669	467	152
1955 : November	65,960	37,123	7,094	15,100	1,598	18,986	632	208
December	43,506	21,698	3,743	12,917	980	14,552	425	155
1956 : January	34,860	21,749r	5,745	8,202	519	10,545	293	94
February	54,450	32,659	7,797	15,240	1,482	14,852	494	175

\* Excluding articles of rubber.

## 26. Production of Building Materials and Fittings

Period	Sawn Timber (Native) *	Bricks (Clay)	Tiles		Asbestos Cement Building Sheets	Fibrous Plaster Sheets	Cement
			Terra Cotta	Cement			
Year:	Mill. sup. ft.		Thousands		Thousand sq. yds.		Tons
1938-39	179.4	379,236	20,129	n.a	5,291	2,671	432,487
1949-50	341.1	300,356	22,124	8,362	8,634	4,171	554,966
1950-51	338.3	341,994	22,590	11,213	9,777	4,963	613,425
1951-52	380.6	354,545	22,765	20,273	10,545	4,962	594,276
1952-53	347.3	300,328	28,034	5,692	9,384	4,616	670,644
1953-54	364.7	375,593	30,431	8,484	9,746	5,445	726,053
1954-55p	366.4	381,391	29,666	9,737	10,385	5,784	810,628
1954-55: July-Feb.	247.2	252,846	20,044	6,544	6,877	3,915	540,633
1955-56: July-Feb.	a.n.y.	252,276	19,811	7,539	6,727	3,587	534,084
1954: November	32.0	34,425	2,625	974	864	538	68,798
December	37.9	27,458	2,421	758	807	430	63,462
1955: January	24.4	21,443	1,815	676	520	337	52,383
February	23.9	31,156	2,540	806	867	460	61,505
1955: November	33.1	35,712	2,793	931	994	511	80,202
December	38.2	26,872	2,234	911	753	407	60,474
1956: January	23.3	23,063	1,866	1,057	499	330	54,595
February	n.y.a.	28,545	2,386	1,248	917	449	57,126

Period	Paints		Stoves, Domestic Cooking			
	Ready-Mixed Paint	Lacquers and Enamels	Solid Fuel	Gas	Electric	
					Stoves	Stovettes Excl. Cookers
Year :	Thousand gal.		Number			
1938-39	n.a.	863	17,154	17,730	4,930	
1949-50	1,914	1,826	10,307	20,723	14,178	23,128
1950-51	2,577	1,575	14,183	26,933	16,623	38,074
1951-52	2,598	1,771	15,214	25,232	17,022	26,290
1952-53	2,078	1,725	11,316	17,556	8,137	17,522
1953-54	2,363	2,288	13,582	22,729	13,263	20,150
1954-55p	2,801	2,922	14,455	n.a.	23,064	17,715
1954-55 : July-Feb.	1,803	1,935	10,005	n.a.	14,031	12,672
1955-56 : July-Feb.	1,940	2,013	9,468	16,290	17,825	10,863
1954 : November	258	254	1,280	n.a.	1,688	1,757
December	232	237	1,058	n.a.	1,807	1,652
1955 : January	224	190	751	n.a.	1,096	950
February	227	203	1,045	n.a.	2,146	1,366
1955 : November	269	295	1,490	2,232	2,624	1,555
December	233	246	684	1,283	1,868	1,491
1956 : January	207	221	566	915	1,714	1,010
February	255	173	1,135	1,465	2,516	1,424

Period	Sink Heaters (Gas and Electric)	Bath Heaters (All Types)	Hot Water Systems (Storage— All Types)	Coppers (complete)	
				Gas	Electric
	Number				
Year : 1938-39	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1949-50	8,436	65,772	19,713	20,765	16,470
1950-51	10,333	68,273	29,775	24,847	24,081
1951-52	13,537	62,492	28,707	19,974	21,712
1952-53	6,800	47,523	18,170	12,396	10,979
1953-54	8,351	49,511	25,418	n.a.	14,521
1954-55p	10,305	50,571	26,662		24,843
1954-55 : July-Feb.	6,978	32,735	18,039		16,985
1955-56 : July-Feb.	7,013	30,838	17,013		15,355
1954 : November	1,108	4,073	2,713		1,991
December	693	3,864	1,927		1,824
1955 : January	540	2,189	1,269		979
February	889	3,664	2,262		1,942
1955 : November	969	3,865	2,289		2,397
December	772	2,982	1,694		1,595
1956 : January	571	2,113	1,180r		995
February	646	2,875	1,893		2,152

\*Including sawn sleepers.

Period	Refrigerators (Household)	Electric Clothes Washing Machines (Domestic)	Electric Toasters	Mattresses		
				Wire	Inner Spring	Other
				Number		
Year : 1938-39	13,102	n.a.	n.a.	79,140	17,407	n.a.
1949-50	90,653	9,965	86,613	69,650	107,057	190,543
1950-51	113,603	19,163	70,676	78,285	157,406	166,865
1951-52	101,195	23,097	107,448	67,264	128,104	118,942
1952-53	91,717	14,669	47,049	80,961	148,554	98,352
1953-54	159,287	43,815	70,461	109,340	194,596	97,651
1954-55p	172,520	71,596	73,533	108,162	214,335	99,555
1954-55 : July-Feb.	141,758	46,889	49,379	68,242	132,711	63,560
1955-56 : July-Feb.	126,472	46,668	58,204	62,224	146,450	59,844
1954 : November	21,598	5,541	7,955	10,018	18,354	8,310
December	19,706	5,801	6,527	8,594	18,285	7,882
1955 : January	12,867	4,067	3,481	5,823	11,934	5,753
February	14,410	5,240	6,429	9,228	18,058	7,878
1955 : November	22,900	5,842	8,287	9,384	20,625	7,886
December	18,199	5,392	7,716	7,079	20,202	6,408
1956 : January	12,251	5,378	4,854	5,994	14,446	4,819
February	10,407	5,447	7,522	9,477	18,039	6,463

Period	Wireless Cabinets	Radios		Radiograms	Sulphate of Ammonia	Sulphuric Acid
		Portable (incl. Car)	Mantel, Console and Table			
		Number			Tons	
Year : 1938-39	133,760	.....124,689.....			20,960	85,501
1949-50	222,818	157,190		34,989	32,353	93,763
1950-51	276,682	197,026		60,616	37,222	112,151
1951-52	227,014	165,511		45,655	43,549	117,035
1952-53	156,739	56,030	76,547	40,787	48,078	124,359
1953-54	265,503	78,221	124,949	60,196	52,785	147,777
1954-55p	273,911	90,497	127,114	67,628	55,560	181,246
1954-55 : July-Feb.	209,854	61,376	91,123	46,679	36,938	114,170
1955-56 : July-Feb.	160,688	58,479	87,150	40,796	35,398	131,508
1954 : November	30,656	8,477	13,069	6,595	4,773	14,187
December	26,569	12,056	10,943	5,116	4,968	14,761
1955 : January	13,298	5,086	5,575	2,592	4,054	14,577
February	18,582	7,945	7,313	4,768	4,552	13,710
1955 : November	19,506	9,069	12,894	5,253	4,723	15,854
December	26,830	12,648	9,953	4,713	4,573	15,648
1956 : January	7,211	5,143	5,618	2,641	3,304	15,902
February	20,441	6,265	10,328	4,293	4,310	15,032

Period	Soap †				Cleansing and Scouring Powders (excl. Synthetic Detergents)
	Toilet (incl. Shampoos and Shaving Soap)	Household (incl. Flakes, Chips, Extracts, Powders)	Industrial (incl. Flakes, Chips, Extracts, Powders)	Other (Liquid, Soft and Sand)	
			Cwt.		
Year : 1938-39	107,390	384,103		56,301	28,502*
1949-50	227,888	620,561	42,302	102,380	47,468*
1950-51	241,185	666,063	62,289	99,160	53,696*
1951-52	265,115	710,139	56,189	106,550	55,246
1952-53	231,759	692,804	67,475	87,007	44,014
1953-54	265,438	666,303	75,213	98,401	60,073
1954-55p	291,514	713,661	93,680	103,426	46,868
1954-55 : July-Feb.	182,263	451,225	64,320	66,832	28,723
1955-56 : July-Feb.	167,058	445,730	65,179	86,101	27,027
1954 : November	28,831	63,747	9,511	9,340	4,303
December	25,409	60,845	10,305	9,803	2,959
1955 : January	16,253	57,644	6,682	7,723	2,290
February	26,587	56,495	6,781	9,568	3,629
1955 : November	24,504	57,574	9,471	11,645	4,096
December	21,229	60,866	9,946	10,223	3,017
1956 : January	12,868	54,797	6,184	10,555	3,170
February	18,729	51,660	7,854	10,806	3,536

\*Includes synthetic detergents. † Figures to June, 1954, include synthetic detergents, but thereafter these are excluded.

## 28. Index of Rainfall in Rural Districts, New South Wales

(Normal rainfall for each month = 100)

Month	Sheep Districts					Wheat Districts				Coastal Dairying Districts			
	N.	C.	S.	W.	T.	N.	C.	S.	T.	N.	C.	S.	T.
1954: November	161	145	262	138	187	179	162	265	228	109	141	162	124
December	73	93	180	234	131	62	93	221	167	66	87	57	70
1955: January	155	162	56	82	117	171	138	50	88	117	134	105	120
February	326	574	354	325	405	410	509	398	428	75	326	219	158
March	33	48	140	134	83	13	63	155	113	154	172	96	151
April	156	79	41	221	104	120	66	41	57	159	159	148	145
May	121	138	164	185	147	110	154	143	142	144	143	224	154
June	72	68	105	55	80	79	68	105	92	60	71	58	63
July	97	72	131	338	100	93	66	119	102	53	40	33	47
August	108	115	146	177	130	124	134	157	147	7	21	31	13
September	88	98	100	114	98	93	91	110	103	92	72	50	82
October	304	307	214	445	291	315	270	221	246	124	134	196	123
November	78	133	98	104	103	100	140	87	103	25	141	101	144
December	76	62	94	35	73	78	76	76	425	310	136	142	244
1956: January	162	197	199	145	182	135	174	206	189	128	162	191	212
February	386	388	142	265	294	370	384	131	227	402	362	452	398
March	136	396	461	659	372	113	393	503	425	120	245	291	174

N.—Northern.

C.—Central.

S.—Southern.

W.—Western.

T.—Total, all Districts.

## WOOL

## 29. Number of Sheep, Sheep Shorn, and Production of Wool, New South Wales

Sheep as at 31st March. Sheep Shorn and Wool Production (as in grease) in season ended June

Particulars	1938-39	1949-50	1950-51	1951-52	1952-53	1953-54	1954-55
Sheep ...	48.9	53.3	54.1	53.7	57.5	59.6	59.2
Sheep shorn ...	51.5	53.6	52.9	52.7	56.7	59.2	59.6
Wool produced* ...	437.1	515.0	492.1	437.8	556.6	544.9	541.0

\* Includes crutchings and wool from skins.

## 30. Wool Received into Store and Unsold in Store, New South Wales

(Excluding Albury Centre and Joint Organisation Stocks)

Period	Received into Store during period				Unsold in Store at end of period			
	Sydney	New-castle	Goul-burn	Total	Sydney	New-castle	Goul-burn	Total
Thousand bales								
Season: 1947-48	869.2	152.1	46.9	1,068.2	113.7	1.2	0.2	15.1
1948-49	998.9	181.1	54.4	1,234.4	75.7	2.8	0.5	79.0
1949-50	1,066.6	218.9	57.0	1,342.5	11.6	1.3	0.1	13.0
1950-51	1,052.4	176.0	51.2	1,279.6	24.6	1.8	0.4	26.8
1951-52	903.6	164.4	42.7	1,110.7	14.9	0.7	0.2	15.8
1952-53	1,136.2	207.2	53.2	1,396.6	17.5	0.8	...	18.3
1953-54	1,108.7	262.2	57.6	1,428.5	19.1	1.9	0.1	21.1
1954-55	1,077.9	251.8	56.9	1,386.6	22.7	3.2	0.3	26.2
1954-55: July-Mar.	915.1	218.0	55.5	1,188.6	153.0	18.4	6.7	178.1
1955-56: July-Mar.	964.7	237.8	64.9	1,267.4	115.7	39.1	20.2	175.0
1954: December	76.1	15.2	5.5	96.8	380.5	77.0	31.1	488.6
1955: January	25.2	6.4	0.8	32.4	280.6	45.1	22.7	348.4
February	30.2	5.8	0.4	36.4	185.6	50.9	14.2	250.7
March	28.7	5.6	0.6	34.9	153.0	18.4	6.7	178.1
1955: December	60.2	16.9	4.0	81.1	347.2	88.1	37.6	472.9
1956: January	25.8	10.5	0.7	37.0	250.8	62.4	28.6	341.8
February	29.2	6.0	0.3	35.5	213.4	68.3	29.0	310.7
March	36.1	10.0	0.6	46.7	115.7	39.1	20.2	175.0

### 31. Wool: Sales at Auction, New South Wales

Excluding Albury Centre. Includes small quantities bought-in by Joint Organisation, but excludes sales from stocks held by Joint Organisation.

Period	Wool Sold					Amount Realised			
	Greasy and Scoured			Total		Sydney	New-castle	Goul-burn	Total
	Sydney	New-castle	Goul-burn	Greasy	Scoured				
Season: 1938-39	1,144.6	32.1	...	1,118.9	57.8	n.a.	£ thousand	...	15,521
1948-49	925.4	170.2	54.0	1,079.0	70.6	53,699	10,193	3,439	67,331
1949-50	1,118.4	202.7	57.1	1,293.8	84.4	86,510	16,217	4,987	107,714
1950-51	1,038.6	175.5	50.9	1,194.8	70.2	185,502	32,589	10,113	228,204
1951-52	912.2	165.4	43.3	1,071.9	49.0	85,188	15,943	4,130	105,261
1952-53	1,132.8	207.1	53.3	1,340.8	52.4	122,090	23,153	6,105	151,348
1953-54	1,106.5	260.8	57.6	1,380.0	44.9	112,084	26,580	6,131	144,795
1954-55	1,073.6	250.4	56.6	1,341.7	38.9	95,501	22,273	5,225	122,999
1954-55: July-Mar.	780.6	201.4	48.9	1,002.5	28.4	70,933	18,457	4,603	93,993
1955-56: July-Mar.	871.1	201.7	44.7	1,095.0	22.5	67,924	15,782	3,629	87,335
1954: December	70.1	29.5	7.1	104.2	2.5	6,350	2,745	687	9,782
1955: January	125.1	38.3	9.2	169.6	3.0	11,062	3,657	869	15,588
February	125.1	...	8.8	130.6	3.3	11,701	...	887	12,588
March	61.4	38.1	8.1	105.1	2.5	5,928	3,748	774	10,450
1955: December	80.2	...	7.7	84.4	3.5	6,462	1	650	7,113
1956: January	122.2	36.1	9.7	166.6	1.4	9,924	3,063	808	13,795
February	66.6	...	...	65.2	1.4	5,492	...	...	5,492
March	133.8	39.3	9.2	180.2	2.1	10,822	3,321	778	14,921

\* Scoured bales are not converted to greasy basis.

### 32. Prices of Greasy Wool, New South Wales

Season	Average Price at Auction, New South Wales*	Month	Average Price that would be realised if whole N.S.W. clip was sold at price level of current month			
			1952-53	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56
1938-39	Pence per lb.	July	75.0†	Pence per lb.		
1945-46	10.3	August	75.0†	85.0†	82.5†	67.0†
1946-47	15.3†	September	73.0	84.0†	75.0	60.0
1947-48	23.6	October	78.0	83.0	75.0	58.0
1948-49	37.9	November	78.0	84.0	71.0	58.0
1949-50	46.8	December	78.0	84.0	68.0	58.0
1950-51	61.8	January	82.0	81.0	70.5	60.0
1951-52	145.3	February	82.0	80.0	69.0	61.0p
1952-53	76.5	March	83.0	77.0	70.0	61.0p
1953-54	85.1	April	87.0	77.0	70.0	60.0p
1954-55	81.8	May	89.0	79.0†	69.0	
	70.6	June	93.0	82.0	69.0	
			85.0	82.5	67.0	

\* Excluding Albury (regarded as a Victorian selling centre).

† Based on United Kingdom purchase prices; does not allow for payments for profits on re-sale of contract wool.

‡ Nominal.

### 33. Wheat Growing in New South Wales

Season	Holdings with 20 acres or more Wheat for Grain	Area under Wheat		Yield of Grain	
		Total	For Grain	Total	Average per acre
1936-37 to 1945-46*	Number	Acres		Bushels	
1946-47	15,875†	4,203,047	3,824,667	49,850,000	13.0
1947-48	15,971	4,772,978	4,474,894	15,682,000	3.5
1948-49	16,803	5,355,169	5,043,017	95,227,000	18.9
1949-50	15,674	4,242,969	4,038,447	64,704,000	16.0
1950-51	15,594	4,173,857	4,011,744	81,939,000	20.4
1951-52	14,279	3,441,958	3,328,490	43,273,000	13.0
1952-53	13,147	2,930,170	2,753,317	39,689,000	14.4
1953-54	13,167	2,836,206	2,702,359	56,670,000	21.0
1954-55	14,865	3,547,624	3,356,888	63,681,000	19.0
1955-56†	13,784	3,177,844	2,918,670	37,718,000	12.9
	n.y.a.	2,857,000	2,730,000	57,000,000	20.9

\* Annual average.

† Average of six seasons 1935-36 to 1940-41.

‡ Preliminary.

## 34. Wheat : Prices and Return to Growers, New South Wales, and Prices in Canada

Period	Export Price*		Home Price for Human Consumption	Net Return, f.o.r. country siding, to N.S.W. Growers†	Canadian No. 1 Northern Wheat; in store, Fort William-Port Arthur and Vancouver‡
					For Commercial Export
			s. d. per bushel		Cents (Can.) per bushel
Year: 1938-39	2	5.1	2	5.9	2 2.8
1946-47	14	1	3	11.3	10 3.8
1947-48	19	4.7	6	0.2	13 7.2
1948-49	15	8.2	6	8	10 7.6
	†	‡			
1949-50	15	5.2	18	5.8	12 4.6
1950-51	16	1	18	8.8	11 10.3
1951-52	16	4.3	20	9	12 11
1952-53	16	6	21	2	13 0.6
1953-54	16	7**	16	7**	11 1.4
1954-55	14	6**	14	6**	10 9.7
1955 : March	14	6**	14	6**	14 2.5
April	14	6**	14	6**	14 2.5
May	14	6**	14	6**	14 2.5
June	14	6**	14	6**	14 2.5
July	14	6**	14	6**	14 2.5
August	14	6**	14	6**	14 2.5
September	13	11.5**	13	11.5**	14 2.5
October	13	8**	13	8**	14 2.5
November	13	4**	13	4**	14 2.5
December	13	4**	13	4**	13 6.5
1956 : January	13	4**	13	4**	13 6.5
February	13	2**	13	2**	13 6.5
March	12	9**	12	9**	13 6.5

\* Annual quotations are the average of the twelve monthly prices, year ended July. Bases are as follows :—  
1938-39—Average of shippers' limits for bulk and bagged lots, f.o.r. Sydney.

1946-47 to 1948-49—Basic export selling price of Australian Wheat Board. Average for bulk and bagged wheat, f.o.r., Sydney.

1949-50 to date—Basic selling prices of Australian Wheat Board for f.a.q. bulk wheat, f.o.b., Sydney (see † and ‡ below).

† Wheat sold under International Wheat Agreement. ‡ Wheat sold in excess of I.W.A. quota.

§ Wholesale price for f.a.q. bulk wheat, f.o.r. Sydney. Annual quotations are the average of the twelve monthly prices, year ended November.

¶ Allowing for cost of bags and including governmental assistance to wheat growers. Pool season, generally year ended October.

\*\* Annual quotations are the average of the twelve monthly prices, year ended July.

For some destinations, where other exporting countries have a geographical freight advantage, the selling price is below this basic price.

## 35. Whole Milk Production, New South Wales

Period	1950-51	1951-52	1952-53	1953-54	1954-55p	1955-56p
	Thousand gallons					
September Qr.	53,733	46,274	62,782	58,303	55,239	63,889
October	31,046	24,781	32,800	27,355	28,222	32,697
November	33,397	23,701	33,596	28,525	34,054	35,659
December	35,323	20,451	32,118	24,935	36,399	37,065
January	36,210	20,773	31,444	27,619	33,028	38,734
February	29,793	17,685	31,241	28,290	31,863	33,611
March	27,787	23,719	30,441	30,859	31,507	
June Qr.	50,870	63,825	62,963	56,301	62,755	
Year ended June	298,159	241,209	317,385	282,187	313,067	
Jul.—Febru ry	219,502	153,665	223,981	195,027	218,805	241,655

NOTE.—The annual average production for the five seasons ended 1939 was 331,963,000 gallons.

## 36. Butter : Prices, Export and Local, and Return to Farmer

Season	Export*	Sydney Wholesale	Net Return to farmer †	Month	Sydney Wholesale
		s. d. per lb.			s. d. per lb.
1938-39	1 1.2	1 5	1 1	1955 : May	3 8.8
1945-46	1 7.8	1 5.9	1 8.3	June	3 8.8
1946-47	1 11.2	1 5.9	1 8.3	July	3 9.5
1947-48	2 3.3	1 7.5	1 11.9	August	4 0.5
1948-49	2 7.3	1 11.1	2 1.9	September	4 0.5
1949-50	2 9.6	1 11.1	2 4.5	October	4 0.5
1950-51	3 0.4	1 11.1	2 8.2	November	4 0.5
1951-52	3 3.1	2 7.2	3 6.1	December	4 0.5
1952-53	3 6.0	3 8.8	3 11.4	1956 : January	4 0.5
1953-54	3 7.7	3 8.8	3 11.5	February	4 0.5
1954-55	3 6.0	3 8.8	3 10.6p	March	4 0.5
				April	4 0.5

\* United Kingdom contract price f.o.b. Australia (1938-39 excepted). † Average price paid for cream supplied to New South Wales factories, inclusive of government subsidy in 1945-46 and later years.

## 37. Oversea Trade, New South Wales and Australia

	New South Wales			Australia		
Period	Merchandise					
	Imports	Exports	Excess of Exports	Imports	Exports	Excess of Exports
	£A million f.o.b.					
Year: 1938-39	49.9	37.7	(—) 12.2	113.2	121.5	8.3
1948-49	177.2	176.6	(—) 0.6	414.1	541.1	127.0
1949-50	214.0	216.6	2.6	536.1	611.6	75.5
1950-51	301.7	325.6	23.9	741.3	979.1	237.8
1951-52	426.8	193.9	(—) 232.9	1,049.7	665.2	(—) 384.5
1952-53	206.9	249.5	42.6	510.4	849.3	338.9
1953-54	277.9	249.3	(—) 28.6	678.5	811.8	133.3
1954-55	343.5	207.6	(—) 135.9	840.7	759.3	(—) 81.4
1954-55: July-Feb.	215.3	135.6	(—) 79.7	536.5	488.3	(—) 48.2
1955-56: July-Feb.	217.4	128.8	(—) 88.6	535.2	454.6	(—) 80.6
1954: October	25.9	20.4	(—) 5.5	64.6	72.6	8.0
November	23.7	15.2	(—) 8.5	54.9	49.9	(—) 5.0
December	24.8	23.7	(—) 1.1	64.1	84.2	20.1
1955: January	32.3	15.4	(—) 16.9	76.0	63.6	(—) 12.4
February	28.3	19.5	(—) 8.8	69.9	67.3	(—) 2.6
1955: October	29.4	17.9	(—) 11.5	68.2	65.6	(—) 2.6
November	31.5	22.8	(—) 8.7	73.5	78.8r	5.3r
December	24.3	21.7	(—) 2.6	63.3	73.2	9.9
1956: January	26.9	15.9	(—) 11.0	63.4	55.6	(—) 7.8
February	24.7	6.4*	(—) 18.3	59.1	20.4*	(—) 38.7

\*Affected by industrial dispute.

(—) Denotes excess of Imports.

## 38. Wholesale Trade, New South Wales

\* Net sales of taxable and exempt goods by traders registered under Sales Tax Acts

Period	1948-49	1949-50	1950-51	1951-52	1952-53	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56
	£ million							
September Qr.	111.3	109.9	157.4	209.7	176.7	203.3	226.9	268.7
October	36.5	43.6	57.8	68.6	61.7	65.9	85.2	96.0
November	38.3	39.3	44.9	56.3	62.1	77.4	81.1	83.5
December	34.5	50.2	61.2	81.7	60.4	72.0	74.3	84.3
January	31.3	38.3	52.4	62.3	53.8	65.0	75.1	81.8
February	38.6	47.7	50.1	65.0	64.4	71.7	84.6	
March	34.8	41.2	62.0	58.8	61.5	70.3	74.8	
June Qr.	116.3	153.5	201.0	196.4	188.6	226.0	253.0	
Year ended June	441.6	523.7	686.8	798.8	729.2	851.6	955.0	
July—January	251.9	281.3	373.7	478.6	414.7	483.6	542.6	614.3

\* Exclusive of discounts, returns, etc.

## 39. Retail Trade: Principal City Stores, Sydney

Compiled by Retail Traders' Association Research Bureau in conjunction with Commonwealth Bank

Period	Business Days in Period		Value of Net Sales	Value of Stock	Wages and Salaries Paid	Number of Employees*	Three months ended in month shown	
	Previous Year	Current Year					Value of Net Sales	Wages and Salaries Paid
	Number		Percentage increase (+) or decrease (—) compared with corresponding period of preceding year.					
Year : 1950	302	303	+ 16.8	+ 5.6	+ 11.7	+ 0.7		
1951	303	301	+ 22.7	+ 26.9	+ 32.8	+ 2.7		
1952	301	303	— 8.6	+ 9.0	+ 4.0	— 10.0		
1953	303	302	+ 4.8	+ 20.1	— 0.3	— 3.9		
1954	302	301	+ 8.0	+ 9.4	+ 7.1	+ 3.9		
1955	301	303	+ 3.5	+ 9.1	+ 9.2	+ 2.6		
1954 : Sept.	26	26	+ 8.3	+ 13.4	+ 8.2	+ 3.7	+ 9.0	+ 7.0
Oct.	26	25	+ 4.1	+ 13.3	+ 3.4	+ 4.6	+ 8.5	+ 6.9
Nov.	25	26	+ 10.0	+ 12.8	+ 13.3	+ 7.2	+ 7.4	+ 8.3
Dec.	24	24	+ 5.9	+ 8.6	+ 10.2	+ 4.9	+ 6.6	+ 9.0
1955 : Jan.	25	23	— 4.3	+ 6.9	+ 5.6	+ 2.7	+ 4.4	+ 9.6
Feb.	22	24	+ 11.7	+ 10.0	+ 8.0	+ 3.1	+ 4.2	+ 8.0
1955 : Sept.	26	26	+ 4.9	+ 7.6	+ 8.9	+ 2.7	+ 4.1	+ 10.0
Oct.	25	25	+ 1.2	+ 7.7	+ 6.5	+ 0.8	+ 3.2	+ 9.4
Nov.	26	26	+ 0.7	+ 9.0	+ 7.8	— 0.8	+ 2.2	+ 7.7
Dec.	24	25	+ 2.2	+ 10.0	+ 10.5	+ 1.6	+ 1.4	+ 8.5
1956 : Jan.	23	24	+ 4.1	+ 9.5	+ 13.9	+ 0.1	+ 2.3	+ 10.7
Feb.	24	25	+ 4.5	+ 5.6	+ 11.1	— 0.6	+ 3.4	+ 11.8

\* Further particulars of monthly employment in retail trade are shown in Table 2.

## BANKING

Since 1st October, 1951, 16 trading banks have conducted business in Australia. Of these, 12 operate in New South Wales, comprising the 7 major private trading banks, the Commonwealth Trading Bank of Australia, the Rural Bank of N.S.W., and 3 overseas banks.

#### 40. Trading Banks : Deposits and Assets in Australia

Average of Weekly Figures

Month	Deposits	Balances due to other Banks	Cash Items	Treasury Bills	Government and Municipal Securities	Special Deposits with Commonwealth Bank	Loans, Advances and Bills Discounted
£ million							
MAJOR PRIVATE TRADING BANKS							
1939 : June	318.0	n.a.	28.6	23.9	22.1	...	291.7
1949 : June	582.5	n.a.	36.5	46.5	104.3	241.8	207.9
1947 : June	648.3	2.5	34.4	13.8	80.6	275.4	289.7
1949 : June	817.4	49.8	40.0	11.1	62.5	381.2	383.3
1951 : June	1,237.7	63.2	50.5	32.8	93.0	569.6	509.5
1953 : June	1,239.0	3.5	76.6	100.5	115.7	300.8	601.8
1954 : June	1,305.0	3.3	67.7	58.0	133.4	313.7	701.7
1955 : June	1,307.2	4.6	65.4	27.8	124.6	245.8	817.7
1954 : December	1,317.7	3.2	69.7	47.1	114.2	259.6	785.7
1955 : January	1,334.8	3.2	83.8	74.7	116.5	259.6	769.8
February	1,356.2	3.4	71.7	96.5	124.6	259.6	772.9
1955 : December	1,321.5	2.6	71.4	45.0	110.4	231.9	814.5
1956 : January	1,331.8	1.9	76.4	92.8	113.4	231.9	784.2
February	1,331.9	2.3	66.9	111.6	117.2	247.4	773.7

## COMMONWEALTH TRADING BANK\*

1947 : June	58.6	0.3	5.7	1.1	33.9	...	21.6
1949 : June	68.2	2.5	4.7	...	34.4	...	3.6
1951 : June	119.7	2.3	6.9	36.5	15.1	...	68.5
1953 : June	135.7	4.1	11.9	31.3	15.2	32.3	59.7
1954 : June	165.7	0.3	14.1	12.6	35.1	38.7	76.0
1955 : June	181.1	0.3	11.6	8.9	39.7	33.9	98.5
1954 : December	177.4	0.3	10.6	16.3	38.2	35.0	87.4
1955 : January	170.2	0.3	11.6	10.7	36.3	35.0	89.7
February	172.1	0.4	10.3	12.7	37.7	35.0	90.0
1955 : December	187.4	0.4	10.9	8.0	40.0	32.7	104.8
1956 : January	180.0	0.4	10.6	2.8	40.1	32.7	105.9
February	179.7	0.3	9.8	4.2	40.1	33.6	104.8

## ALL TRADING BANKS

1947 : June	722.7	3.0	42.4	16.2	126.2	277.2	344.8
1949 : June	913.1	52.5	48.0	12.2	111.5	382.8	461.9
1951 : June	1,407.4	65.9	62.4	73.8	123.1	572.6	635.5
1953 : June	1,428.0	7.9	94.4	138.7	144.6	334.1	724.8
1954 : June	1,530.5	4.0	87.1	80.1	182.6	353.5	845.2
1955 : June	1,544.7	5.6	81.8	40.7	177.8	280.7	990.8
1954 : December	1,551.0	4.4	84.8	67.3	166.6	295.7	946.3
1955 : January	1,563.9	4.0	100.9	90.4	166.7	295.7	931.8
February	1,588.7	4.3	86.9	116.4	176.2	295.7	935.6
1955 : December	1,563.4	4.4	86.5	56.4	164.9	265.4	995.2
1956 : January	1,568.9	3.3	91.5	98.9	168.3	265.4	966.3
February	1,571.8	3.5	81.2	120.8	172.1	281.9	954.4

\*General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank prior to 3rd December, 1953.

#### 41. Trading Banks : Deposits and Advances in New South Wales

Average of Weekly Figures

Month	Major Private Trading Banks				C'wealth Trading Bank*		All Trading Banks	
	Deposits			Advances	Deposits	Advances	Deposits	Advances
	Not Bearing Interest	Bearing Interest	Total					
	£ million							
1947 : June	174.6	69.7	244.3	116.5	33.3	12.6	286.8	153.6
1949 : June	228.1	73.2	301.3	150.4	40.1	18.0	358.0	199.7
1951 : June	386.0	81.9	467.9	197.9	60.0	36.1	560.8	276.6
1953 : June	379.7	68.9	448.6	243.7	74.0	26.5	557.5	314.7
1954 : June	400.2	82.9	483.1	281.6	87.3	32.7	608.6	360.7
1955 : June	387.4	88.2	475.6	342.5	96.1	43.0	609.9	436.6
1954 : Dec.	397.4	87.0	484.4	319.4	93.0	36.5	614.5	405.3
1955 : Jan.	402.5	87.7	490.2	310.3	90.4	37.9	619.1	397.2
Feb.	406.7	88.2	494.9	312.7	91.5	37.9	625.3	400.0
1955 : Dec.	392.2	83.2	475.4	341.3	95.9	44.4	609.0	438.5
1956 : Jan.	396.7	80.8	477.5	324.3	93.7	44.3	609.6	421.2
Feb.	392.3	81.1	473.4	316.6	93.5	44.5	606.2	413.4

\*General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank prior to 3rd December, 1953.

#### 42. Trading Banks : Debits to Customers' Accounts, New South Wales

"Debits" refer to all trading banks operating in N.S.W., excluding accounts of Australian Governments at city banks and central banking business of the Commonwealth Bank.

Period	1948-49	1949-50	1950-51	1951-52	1952-53	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56
Weekly Average—£ million								
July	79.2	91.2	121.3	159.3	149.0	163.7	181.8	201.7
August	71.0	80.9	109.2	141.9	130.1	145.6	170.6	186.9
September	77.4	88.0	126.3	153.0	143.0	167.7	179.7	193.7
October	81.5	99.0	135.5	163.0	152.7	168.3	190.3	202.9
November	82.0	107.9	147.9	170.5	159.8	173.0	185.8	216.1
December	87.7	112.2	158.0	175.9	173.8	187.1	194.5	214.1
January	74.8	96.8	131.6	146.2	124.6	151.9	173.8	183.9
February	83.5	108.7	161.1	155.3	156.2	164.8	188.3	187.1
March	83.9	118.6	160.0	152.1	162.4	184.7	186.0	199.8
April	82.5	108.8	161.1	153.3	149.7	166.2	185.5	
May	92.8	122.6	167.3	155.9	157.4	183.0	203.3	
June	97.3	121.2	168.2	158.4	160.3	194.9	206.1	
Year	83.1	104.9	145.1	156.6	151.9	171.7	187.5	

#### 43. Savings Bank Accounts and Depositors' Balances at end of Month.

Month.	New South Wales					Australia	
	Active Accounts	Depositors' Balances				Active Accounts	Depositors' Balances
		C'wealth Savings Bank	Other Savings Banks *	Total	Interest Added During Year		
	Thousand	£ thousand				Thousand	£ thousand
1949-June	1,330	87 474	.....	87,474	1,610	3,858	245,587
1948 "	2,013	236,964	.....	236,964	3,991	5,728	681,318
1949 "	2,072	244,483	.....	244,483	4,062	5,890	714,232
1950 "	2,138	258,874	.....	258,874	4,238	6,105	762,085
1951 "	2,194	284,466	.....	284,466	4,405	6,307	837,444
1952 "	2 247	304,532	.....	304,532	4,829	6,494	891,898
1953 "	2,279	319,149	.....	319,149	5,703	6,633	947,497
1954 "	2,308	339,797	.....	339,797	6,087	6,756	1,010,129
1955 "	2,337	358,645	.....	358,645	6,799	6,861	1,073,394
1954: December	2,283	347,839	.....	347,839		6,716	1,040,129
1955: January	2,295	350,186	.....	350,186		6,743	1,045,958
February	2,306	350,688	.....	350,688		6,773	1,047,189
1955: December	2,319	364,119	.....	364,119		6,841	1,091,369
1956: January	2,339	362,970	4,319	367,289		6,890	1,094,742
February	2,385	361,982	9,254	371,236		6,974	1,101,669

\* Bank of New South Wales Savings Bank Ltd., and the Australia and New Zealand Savings Bank Ltd. These banks commenced business in all Australian States and Territories, except South Australia and Tasmania, on 19th and 20th January, 1956, respectively.

#### 44. Overseas Exchange Rates

Mean of Buying and Selling rates for telegraphic transfers quoted by Commonwealth Bank, average of daily rates.

Period	Australia on—							
	London	New Zealand	South Africa	Montreal	New York	France	Belgium	India
	£A. to £stg. 100	£A. to £N.Z. 100	£A. to £S.A. 100	Canadian \$ to £A. 1	U.S. \$ to £A. 1	Francs to £A. 1	Francs to £A. 1	Rupees to £A. 1
1938-39	125.25	100.33	124.70	3.79	3.78	141.75	111.58	10.69
1946—June	125.25	100.25	124.88	3.54	3.22	383.24	141.02	10.64
1949— "	125.25	124.27	124.88	3.22	3.22	875.85	141.02	10.64
1950— "	125.25	124.27	124.88	2.46	2.24	782.44	111.78	10.64
1951— "	125.25	124.27	124.88	2.39	2.24	782.44	111.78	10.64
1952— "	125.25	124.27	125.04	2.18	2.22	776.35	111.66	10.64
1953— "	125.25	124.27	125.04	2.19	2.25	784.71	111.76	10.64
1954— "	125.25	124.27	125.04	2.21	2.25	784.84	112.15	10.64
1955— "	125.25	124.27	125.04	2.21	2.23	780.74	111.70	10.64
1955: December	125.25	124.27	125.04	2.24	2.24	784.65	111.60	10.65
1956: January	125.25	124.27	125.04	2.24	2.24	786.28	111.52	10.65
February	125.25	124.27	125.04	2.24	2.24	784.94	111.38	10.65
March	125.25	124.27	125.04	2.24	2.24	785.54	111.39	10.65

## 45. Interest Rates, New South Wales

Period	First Mortgages Registered*	Yield on Commonwealth Government Securities†		Trading Banks‡				Savings Bank Deposits‡		Treasury Bills‡ (Dis- count)
		Short- dated : 2 years	Long- dated : 12 years	Fixed Deposits		Over- draft (Max.)	To £500	£500 to £1,000 §		
				3 months	24 months To £10,000Over £10,000					
Per cent. per annum										
Year : 1938-39	5.4	3.67	3.85	2.00	3.00	3.00	5.75	2.00	1.75¶	1.75
1945-46	4.6	2.18	3.24	0.50	1.50	1.00	4.75	2.00	1.00	1.00
1948-49	4.4	2.07	3.15	0.50	1.50	1.00	4.50	2.00	1.00	0.75
1949-50	4.4	1.95	3.13	0.50	1.50	1.00	4.50	2.00	1.00	0.75
1950-51	4.4	1.99	3.21	0.50	1.50	1.00	4.50	2.00	1.00	0.75
1951-52	4.4	2.05	3.95	0.50	1.50	1.00	4.50	2.00	1.00	0.75
1952-53	4.7	3.03	4.54	1.00	1.75	1.50	5.00	2.25	1.25	1.00
1953-54	4.9	3.10	4.44	1.00	1.75	1.50	5.00	2.25	1.25	1.00
1954-55	5.2	3.49	4.50	1.25	2.00	2.00	5.00	2.50	1.25	1.00
1955 : March	5.3	3.49	4.53	1.25	2.00	2.00	5.00	2.50	1.25	1.00
April	5.4	3.55	4.53	1.25	2.00	2.00	5.00	2.50	1.25	1.00
May	5.4	3.61	4.49	1.25	2.00	2.00	5.00	2.50	1.25	1.00
June	5.5	3.74	4.53	1.25	2.00	2.00	5.00	2.50	1.25	1.00
July	5.5	3.91	4.53	1.25	2.00	2.00	5.00	2.50	1.25	1.00
August	5.5	4.08	4.51	1.25	2.00	2.00	5.00	2.50	1.25	1.00
September	5.5	4.23	4.51	1.25	2.00	2.00	5.00	2.50	1.25	1.00
October	5.6	3.96	4.53	1.25	2.00	2.00	5.00	2.50	1.25	1.00
November	5.6	4.07	4.52	1.25	2.00	2.00	5.00	2.50	1.25	1.00
December	5.7	4.19	4.53	1.25	2.00	2.00	5.00	2.50	1.25	1.00
1956 : January	5.8	4.13	4.54	1.25	2.00	2.00	5.00	2.50	1.25	1.00
February	5.8	4.26	4.57	1.25	2.00	2.00	5.00	2.50	1.25	1.00
March	5.9	4.68	5.12	2.25	3.00	3.00	6.00	2.50	1.25	1.00

\* Weighted average rate on first mortgages registered, where mortgagee is a corporation (other than a bank or a building society), or an individual. Mortgages taken by Government Agencies are excluded. † Average for year or for 3 months ended month shown. ‡ Compiled by Commonwealth Bank; average for year or as at last Wednesday in month. § Rate current at end of period. ¶ 1½ per cent. to limit of £1,300 until March, 1942. § Upper limit raised from £1,000 to £1,500 in June, 1954.

## 46. Index of Value of Shares on Sydney Stock Exchange

The index relates to the value of ordinary shares on the Sydney Stock Exchange of principal companies (excluding banks), whose business is conducted wholly or largely in New South Wales. The prices of individual shares are unweighted, and each group average is the mean of the average monthly prices per £1 of paid-up capital. The aggregate index is the average of all the shares included in the groups with the addition of 24 miscellaneous shares. There is no base period as the index represents the ratio per cent. of the average prices of ordinary shares to their par values, adjustment being made for changes in capital structure.

Month	23 Manufacturing and Distributing Companies	10 Retail Companies	8 Public Utility Companies	5 Pastoral and Finance Companies	5 Insurance Companies	Total, 75* Companies	34 Active Shares included in foregoing
1939 : Aug.	212.6	168.2	156.0	118.2	263.9	174.4	181.9
1945 : Sept.	242.7	207.8	170.8	146.7	264.6	195.8	210.3
1949 : June	326.9	274.4	153.1	171.7	462.3	242.4	246.4
1950 : June	399.3	318.7	155.3	227.4	576.7	293.6	297.5
1951 : June	529.8	397.6	167.3	301.6	757.1	366.6	357.0
1952 : June	358.2	257.1	154.4	189.0	580.5	256.7	250.7
1953 : June	363.6	265.2	153.5	192.8	544.4	254.4	253.7
1954 : June	381.3	310.1	159.0	217.7	574.7	274.5	282.2
1955 : Feb.	408.0	352.1	171.2	225.7	589.7	296.9	307.1
Mar.	409.3	364.6	170.3	225.8	591.5	299.0	307.9
Apr.	408.3	370.8	163.8	224.4	586.7	299.7	308.4
May	420.4	376.8	163.5	227.2	579.1	304.6	311.3
June	426.6	403.4	164.7	247.0	578.5	314.5	314.8
July	439.7	437.6	165.4	269.6	582.4	325.6	327.1
Aug.	441.1	426.0	164.7	263.5	596.2	324.0	324.8
Sept.	432.1	409.8	168.4	257.4	579.9	317.3	318.8
Oct.	433.9	405.9	166.5	262.8	578.5	317.4	317.6
Nov.	426.0	403.5	163.5	257.0	571.9	312.8	311.5
Dec.	424.9	411.4	159.5	258.8	575.6	313.9	312.7
1956 : Jan.	429.1	420.0	151.4	259.1	581.6	316.1	315.5
Feb.	425.6	419.0	149.3	258.8	578.9	314.2	313.5
Mar.	418.0	407.5	149.8	251.3	557.5	307.9	304.0

\* Including 24 miscellaneous companies.

# 47. Real Estate Transactions and Crop, Wool, and Stock Mortgages Registered in New South Wales

Period	Real Estate Conveyances and Transfers		Mortgages*	Crop Liens	Wool Liens†	Livestock Mortgages †
	Number	£ thousand				
Year :						
1938-39	50,295	35,272	25,068	1,908	3,064	1,736
1948-49	86,201	62,229	32,518	333	2,391	2,768
1949-50	105,589	125,952	57,382	460	3,115	2,845
1950-51	108,732	192,311	70,600	309	4,828	3,482
1951-52	95,857	179,581	77,211	514	4,371	3,578
1952-53	82,915	143,909	68,590	462	3,428	2,513
1953-54	92,380	188,032	76,024	476	3,460	2,698
1954-55	98,666	218,799	91,686	544	3,654	2,550
1954-55 : July-Mar.	74,739	165,215	68,754	456	2,291	1,728
1955-56 : July-Mar.	68,754	177,746	88,300	771	2,878	2,014
1954 : December	7,996	17,593	7,701	17	265	215
1955 : January	6,525	15,323	6,736	10	193	174
February	6,982	16,739	7,397	8	307	152
March	8,562	18,782	8,091	26	255	215
1955 : December	6,401	17,017	8,795	19	309	184
1956 : January	7,243	17,480	8,309	24	293	179
February	7,731	19,160	9,362	14	364	199
March	8,121	19,000	9,062	68	293	244

\* As consideration is not recorded in many mortgages, the amount is understated ; it relates to mortgages in fixed amounts for fixed periods and excludes fluctuating advances secured by mortgage. † Loans secured by both lien on wool and mortgage on sheep are included under both headings.

## 48. Life Assurance, New South Wales

(a) New Policies issued (exclusive of annuities)\*.

Period	Ordinary Department		Industrial Department		Total Sum Assured
	Policies	Sum Assured	Policies	Sum Assured	
	Number	£ thousand	Number	£ thousand	£ thousand
Year† :					
1939	50,520	18,179	156,787	7,540	25,719
1943	99,282	47,956	115,336	11,076	59,032
1949	94,665	49,357	113,568	11,332	60,689
1950	98,015	58,666	106,754	11,136	69,802
1951	101,683	78,187	97,361	11,526	89,713
1952	110,992	81,270	99,573	13,342	94,612
1953	111,437	86,501	98,547	13,590	100,091
1954†	109,232	99,371	91,878	13,396	112,767
1955†	116,957	109,940	85,446	13,371	123,311
1954 : October	8,578	7,874	6,566	970	8,844
November	8,631	8,273	8,068	1,223	9,496
December	12,442	14,123	5,773	1,033	15,156
1955 : January	4,428	3,794	2,257	332	4,126
1955 : October	8,153	8,220	7,214	1,097	9,317
November	10,988	9,368	7,244	1,159	10,527
December	11,205	14,598	6,912	1,184	15,782
1956 : January (P)	6,390	5,058	1,655	235	5,293

\* Includes operations of Government Insurance Office of New South Wales. † Annual figures are aggregates of yearly returns for "various balance" dates (mainly in September or December of year specified). ‡ Total of monthly figures.

(b) New Loans Granted by Life Assurance Companies in New South Wales\* (exclusive of advances of premiums).

Period	On Mortgage of Real Estate	On Companies' Policies	On Other Securities	Total Loans Granted
				£ thousand
Year :				
1948	5,828	861	2,540	9,229
1949	9,264	931	2,913	13,108
1950	16,184	1,117	3,873	21,174
1951	20,433	1,228	4,935	26,596
1952	16,506	1,771	3,470	21,747
1953	14,775	1,436	2,426	18,637
1954	14,298	1,500	1,901	17,699
1955	22,039	1,873	1,972	25,884
1954 : October	1,508	122	266	1,896
November	1,499	130	155	1,784
December	1,549	129	202	1,880
1955 : January	968	108	129	1,325
1955 : October	1,757	179	168	2,094
November	2,792	187	187	3,166
December	2,087	170	160	2,417
1956 : January	1,410	157	73	1,640

\* The Government Insurance Office of New South Wales is not included.

## 49. Commonwealth Government: Revenue and Expenditure

REVENUE			EXPENDITURE		
Item	July-March		Item	July-March	
	1954-55	1955-56		1954-55	1955-56
	£ thousand			£ thousand	
<b>Taxes—</b>			<b>Social Services—</b>		
Customs ... ..	75,052	66,585	Invalid, Age Pensions ... ..	66,498	76,228
Excise ... ..	107,689	121,326	Child Endowment ... ..	39,549	47,555
Sales ... ..	75,209	79,103	Hospital Benefits ... ..	7,031	7,195
Income Tax and Social Services Contribution† ... ..	258,550	277,123	Pharmaceutical Benefits ... ..	6,314	7,259
			Other ... ..	20,751	21,817
Payroll ... ..	30,710	33,771	Total, Social Services ... ..	140,143	160,054
Estate ... ..	7,119	7,376	<b>To States—</b>		
Other ... ..	1,195	1,384	Tax Reimbursements ... ..	89,965	94,172
Total Taxes ... ..	555,524	586,668	Other ... ..	34,531	44,828
Post Office ... ..	54,189	58,451	Capital Works ... ..	64,711	77,422
Broadcasting ... ..	2,857	2,856	Post Office ... ..	53,921	61,456
Railways ... ..	2,609	3,044			
Territories ... ..	1,735	1,675	Broadcasting ... ..	3,440	4,739
Other ... ..	26,208	29,484	Railways ... ..	2,148	2,308
			Territories ... ..	8,789	9,695
Total Revenue* ... ..	643,122	682,178	Defence Services ... ..	115,960	133,072
			War Services, 1914-18 & 1939-45 ... ..	45,731	49,783
			Subsidies ... ..	16,439	13,482
			Debt Charges ... ..	53,205	54,873
			Other ... ..	52,858	59,630
			Total Expenditure* ... ..	681,841	765,514

\* Excludes self-balancing items in the nine months ended March amounting to £4,937,000 in 1954-55 and £6,255,000 in 1955-56.

† Refunds on account of Wool Deduction have been subtracted from "Income-Tax, etc."

Expenditure from Loan Fund for War and Repatriation in the nine months ended March (£2,548,000 in 1954-55 and £3,633,000 in 1955-56) is included above. Other loan expenditure in this period consisted of Advances to States for Housing, £16,850,000 in 1954-55 and £17,700,000 in 1955-56, and provision of emergency storage for wheat, £2,702,000 in 1955-56.

Commonwealth Treasury Bills on issue in Australia at the end of March amounted to £220,000,000 in 1955 and £280,000,000 in 1956.

## 50. New South Wales Government: Revenue and Expenditure

REVENUE			EXPENDITURE		
Item	July-March		Item	July-March	
	1954-55	1955-56		1954-55	1955-56
	£ thousand			£ thousand	
<b>Governmental—</b>			<b>Interest, Exchange, Sinking Fund and Loan Management ... ..</b>	18,864	20,767
From Commonwealth—			Less—Recoups from other Activities ... ..	3,670	4,402
Towards Interest ... ..	2,188	2,188	Net Debt Charges ... ..	15,194	16,365
Reimbursement of Taxes ... ..	35,082	36,816	Other than Debt Charges—		
Stamp and Probate Duty ... ..	11,602	13,543	Governmental ... ..	63,914	69,547
Other Taxes ... ..	3,165	3,459	Business Undertakings—		
Land ... ..	2,160	2,445	Railways ... ..	50,555	53,080
Services ... ..	4,044	3,865	Trams and Buses ... ..	9,844	10,048
Other ... ..	9,094	9,319	Sydney Harbour ... ..	1,335	1,447
Total Governmental ... ..	67,335	71,635	Total Expenditure ... ..	140,842	150,487
Business Undertakings—					
Railways ... ..	56,323	56,544			
Trams and Buses ... ..	8,561	8,533			
Sydney Harbour ... ..	2,247	2,267			
Total Revenue ... ..	134,466	138,979			

Loan Expenditure on works and services in the nine months ended March was gross £33,041,000 and net (i.e., gross less repayments to loan account) £31,947,000 in 1954-55; compared with gross £33,476,000 and net £32,278,000 in 1955-56.

### 151. Australian Export Price Index

Compiled by Commonwealth Statistician from prices of twenty commodities which normally constitute about 80 per cent. of all Australian exports. The prices are multiplied by the average annual exports (production in the case of gold) in the years 1933-34 to 1935-36.

Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939=100

Period	Wool	Wheat	Butter	Metals*	Meats†	All Groups ‡	
						Excluding Gold	Including Gold
§ (a)	45.63	17.06	11.36	6.83	6.63	...	100.00
§ (b)	49.05	18.34	12.21	7.34	7.13	100.00	...
Year : 1938-39	79	66	101	84	96	82	83
1945-46	117	213	147	196	123	143	146
1949-50	473	400	250	421	196	399	383
1950-51	999	432	271	689	209	690	654
1951-52	564	436	291	811	263	495	473
1952-53	616	445	313	504	314	505	483
1953-54	615	411	325	450	338	496	474
1954-55	538	357	313	511	344	450	431
1955 : January	520	360	313	516	367	444	425
February	528	356	313	522	346	446	427
March	528	356	313	523	329	446	426
April	520	354	313	525	324	441	422
May	520	354	313	520	332	441	422
June	505	355	313	528	343	435	417
July	505	352p	313	538	359	437p	419p
August	453	351p	313	538	365	411p	395p
September	437	334p	313	545	398	404p	388p
October	437	329p	337	543	408	406p	390p
November	437p	323p	364	549	383	407p	391p
December	453p	315pr	368	575	364p	414p	398p
1956: January	460p	313p	361	590	348p	416p	400p
February	460p	311p	328	592	331p	411p	395p

\* Non-ferrous—Silver, copper, tin, zinc, lead. † Beef, lamb, mutton, pork. ‡ Includes also  
sugar, dried fruits, tallow, and hides. § Percentage distribution of base aggregate for "All Groups" (a)  
including Gold and (b) Excluding Gold. || Nominal.

### 52. Wholesale Price (Basic Materials and Foodstuffs) Index

Compiled by Commonwealth Statistician. Commodities are priced in their primary or basic form wherever possible. Prices are drawn mainly from Melbourne sources. Apart from locally produced building materials, and one or two minor commodities, the price movements may be taken as representative of variations in wholesale prices of basic materials in most Australian markets.

Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939=100

Period	Metals and Coal	Textiles	Building Materials	Total Basic Materials	Foodstuffs and Tobacco	Goods Principally Imported*	Goods Principally Home-produced	Total, All Groups
Year : 1938-39	103	82	97	99	103	99	102	101
1945-46	130	152	177	149	135	178	126	141
1949-50	214	434	225	214	198	223	198	205
1950-51	256	641	268	264	232	256	242	246
1951-52	343	577	370	321	281	288	305	300
1952-53	392	607	404	350	294	292	331	320
1953-54	388	566	363	332	313	271	343	321
1954-55	391	510	372	330	311	277	338	320
1955 : Jan.	394	501	365	329	305	279	331	316
Feb.	395	505	373	332	313	281	338	322
Mar.	396	507	381	334	319	282	344	326
April	397	496	387	335	314	283	341	324
May	396	497	389	337	318	283	344	326
June	396	485	398	338	324	287	348	330
July	397	486	398	338	331p	281p	357p	334p
Aug.	397	452	398	337	329p	282p	354p	333p
Sept.	405	441	398	340	329p	290p	352p	334p
Oct.	405	441p	398	340p	325p	289p	350p	332p
Nov.	404p	437p	407	342p	331p	291p	355p	336p
Dec.	404p	447p	407	342p	326p	291p	352p	334p
1956: Jan.	405p	453p	407	343pr	327p	288p	354p	334p
Feb.	405p	453p	408	343p	318p	288p	347p	329p

\* Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the Wholesale Price Index. This index does not measure changes in import prices generally.

## 53. Wholesale Price Index Numbers, Certain Countries

Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939=100

Period	Australia	New Zealand	South Africa	United Kingdom	Canada	United States	France
	Common-wealth Statistician	Government Statistician	Census and Statistics Office	Board of Trade	Dominion Statistician *	Bureau of Labor Statistics	Inst. Nat. de la Stat. †
Year : 1938-39	101	102	100	96	95	95	n.a.
1947-48	159	173	174	203	175	191	n.a.
1948-49	181	180	186	218	195	194	n.a.
1949-50	205	184	195	237	195	186	n.a.
1950-51	246	210	216	288	224	211	n.a.
1951-52	300	243	252	321	229	213	123
1952-53	320	252	269	320	216	209	145
1953-54	321	248	270	320	214	209	141
1954-55	320	249	274	326	211	208	137
1955 : Jan.	316	248	272	330	211	208	136
Feb.	322	250	275	331	212	209	135
Mar.	326	250	278	328	212	208	135
Apr.	324	250	279	326	213	209	135
May	326	250	277	325	213	208	137
June	330	250	279	328	214	209	133
July	334p	250	280	335	213	209	133
Aug.	333p	248	282	335	214	210	134
Sept.	334p	250	283	335	216	211	135
Oct.	332p	252p	282	337	215	211	136
Nov.	336p	252p	284	340	215p	210	136p
Dec.	334p	n.y.a.	283	341	216p	210	137p
1956 : Jan.	334p	n.y.a.	284	n.y.a.	217p	212	137p

\* New Series.

† New Series. Base : 1949=100.

## 54. Retail Price Index Numbers ("C" Series)

Base : Weighted Average for six Capital Cities in 1923-27=1000

(a) Sydney (Group Indexes and Total "C" Series Index)

Quarter	Food and Groceries	Rent, 4 and 5 Rooms	Clothing	Miscellaneous Items	Total "C" Series Index†	
					Index Number	Increase from Sept. Qr., 1939
						Percent.
1939 : September	930	1039	841	939	933	...
1945 : June	1040	1043	1410	1163	1141	22
1947 : June	1096	1044	1540	1187	1194	28
1949 : June	1384	1048	1980	1347	1425	53
1951 : June	1943	1051	2819	1689	1875	101
1952 : June	2727	1089	3098	1997	2284	145
1953 : June	2669	1274	3305	2044	2360	153
1954 : June	2703	1320	3257	2045	2373	154
1954 : December	2741	1330	3266	2048	2391	156
1955 : March	2804	1331	3250	2014	2405	158
June	2835	1332	3267	2031	2423	160
September	2907	1342	3276	2040	2455	163
December	2936	1348	3279	2064	2471	165
1956 : March	2986	1355	3267	2074	2490	167

## (b) Districts of New South Wales (Total "C" Series Index)

Quarter	Sydney	Newcastle	Broken Hill	Goulburn	Bathurst	Five Towns*
1939 : September	933	897	943	914	881	930
1945 : June	1141	1099	1193	1111	1089	1138
1947 : June	1194	1150	1237	1160	1147	1191
1949 : June	1425	1393	1504	1421	1393	1424
1951 : June	1875	1853	1939	1858	1825	1874
1952 : June	2284	2231	2360	2277	2228	2281
1953 : June	2360	2283	2397	2292	2354	2354
1954 : June	2373	2319	2425	2329	2383	2369
1954 : December	2391	2340	2415	2343	2385	2387
1955 : March	2405	2358	2421	2373	2412	2401
June	2423	2388	2439	2398	2424	2420
September	2455	2409	2464	2445	2455	2451
December	2471	2425	2487	2472	2474	2468
1956 : March	2490	2444	2489	2504	2482	2487

\* Weighted average for foregoing five towns.

† Comprising foregoing groups.

## 55. Basic Wage : Sydney, Adult Males†

Month of Change.	Amount per week.	Month of Change.	Amount per week.	Month of Change.	Amount per week.	Month of Change.	Amount per week.
	s.		s.		s.		s.
1939: Dec.	82	1944: Feb.	99	1948: Feb.	114	1952: Feb.	216
1940: Feb.	82	May	99	May	116	May	223
May	83	Aug.	99	Aug.	120	Aug.	235
Aug.	85	Nov.	99	Nov.	122	Nov.	237
Nov.	85	1945: Feb.	99	1949: Feb.	124	1953: Feb.	238
1941: Feb.	88	May	98	May	127	May	241
May	88	Aug.	98	Aug.	130	Aug.	243†
Aug.	89	Nov.	99	Nov.	132	1955: Nov.	253†
Nov.	89	1946: Feb.	99	1950: Feb.	135	1956: Feb.	255†
1942: Feb.	91	May	99	May	138	May	256†
May	93	Aug.	100	Aug.	142		
Aug.	95	Nov.	101	Nov.	146		
Nov.	97	Dec.*	108	Dec.*	165		
1943: Feb.	98	1947: Feb.	108	1951: Feb.	173		
May	98	May	110	May	180		
Aug.	100	Aug.	110	Aug.	193		
Nov.	99	Nov.	112	Nov.	207		

**Female Wages.**—The minimum wage per week payable (Sydney) to adult females was:—

1950: Dec.	123s. 6d.	1951: Nov.	155s.	1952: Nov.	177s. 6d.	1955: Nov.	189s. 6d.‡
1951: Feb.	129s. 6d.	1952: Feb.	162s.	1953: Feb.	178s. 6d.	1956: Feb.	191s.‡
May	135s.	May	167s.	May	180s. 6d.	May	192s.‡
Aug.	144s. 6d.	Aug.	176s.	Aug.	182s. †		

\* As a result of judgments of the Commonwealth Arbitration Court, special increases were awarded: In December, 1946, 7s. and in December, 1950, 19s.

† Quarterly adjustments suspended in September, 1953, in both Commonwealth and State awards. Restored in State awards in N.S.W. in November, 1955. ‡ State awards only.

## 56. Average Nominal Weekly Wage Rates and Average Weekly Hours of Labour, New South Wales

Compiled by Commonwealth Statistician. The nominal wage and hour figures are in course of revision. The amounts shown should not be regarded as actual current averages, but as an index of changes expressed in money and hour terms.

End of Month	Average Nominal Weekly Wage Rate				Average Weekly Standard Working Hours	
	Amount—shillings		Index Number			
	Adult Males	Adult Females	Adult Males*	Adult Females†	Adult Males	Adult Females
1939: Sept.	95.8	52.7	1870	1939	44.0	43.9
1945: Sept.	121.1	72.3	2362	2660	43.5	43.9
1947: June‡	132.7	82.3	2589	3029	43.5	43.9
1948: June§	149.1	92.4	2909	3402	40.0	40.0
Dec.	159.8	100.0	3117	3681	40.0	40.0
1949: June	165.4	103.5	3227	3811	40.0	40.0
Dec.	171.9	108.1	3355	3979	40.0	40.0
1950: June	179.3	114.3	3499	4206	40.0	40.0
Dec.	209.5	139.9	4088	5150	40.0	40.0
1951: June	228.6	151.0	4461	5558	40.0	40.0
Dec.	255.0	171.1	4975	6296	40.0	40.0
1952: June	270.4	183.1	5277	6738	40.0	40.0
Dec.	284.7	193.9	5555	7138	40.0	40.0
1953: June	289.8	196.7	5655	7240	40.0	40.0
Dec.	296.6	198.4	5788	7302	40.0	40.0
1954: June	296.7	198.5	5790	7305	40.0	40.0
Dec.	298.3	198.6	5820	7311	40.0	40.0
1955: Mar.	302.2	201.0	5896	7398	40.0	40.0
June	302.6	201.0	5904	7398	40.0	40.0
Sept.	303.1	201.7	5914	7424	40.0	40.0
Dec. p	310.1	205.0	6051	7545	40.0	40.0

\* Base : Weighted average for Australia in April, 1911 (51s. 3d.) = 1000.

† Base: Weighted average for

Australia in April, 1914 (27s. 2d.) = 1000.

‡ Forty-hour week under State awards from 1st July, 1947.

§ Forty-hour week under Commonwealth awards from 1st January, 1948.

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